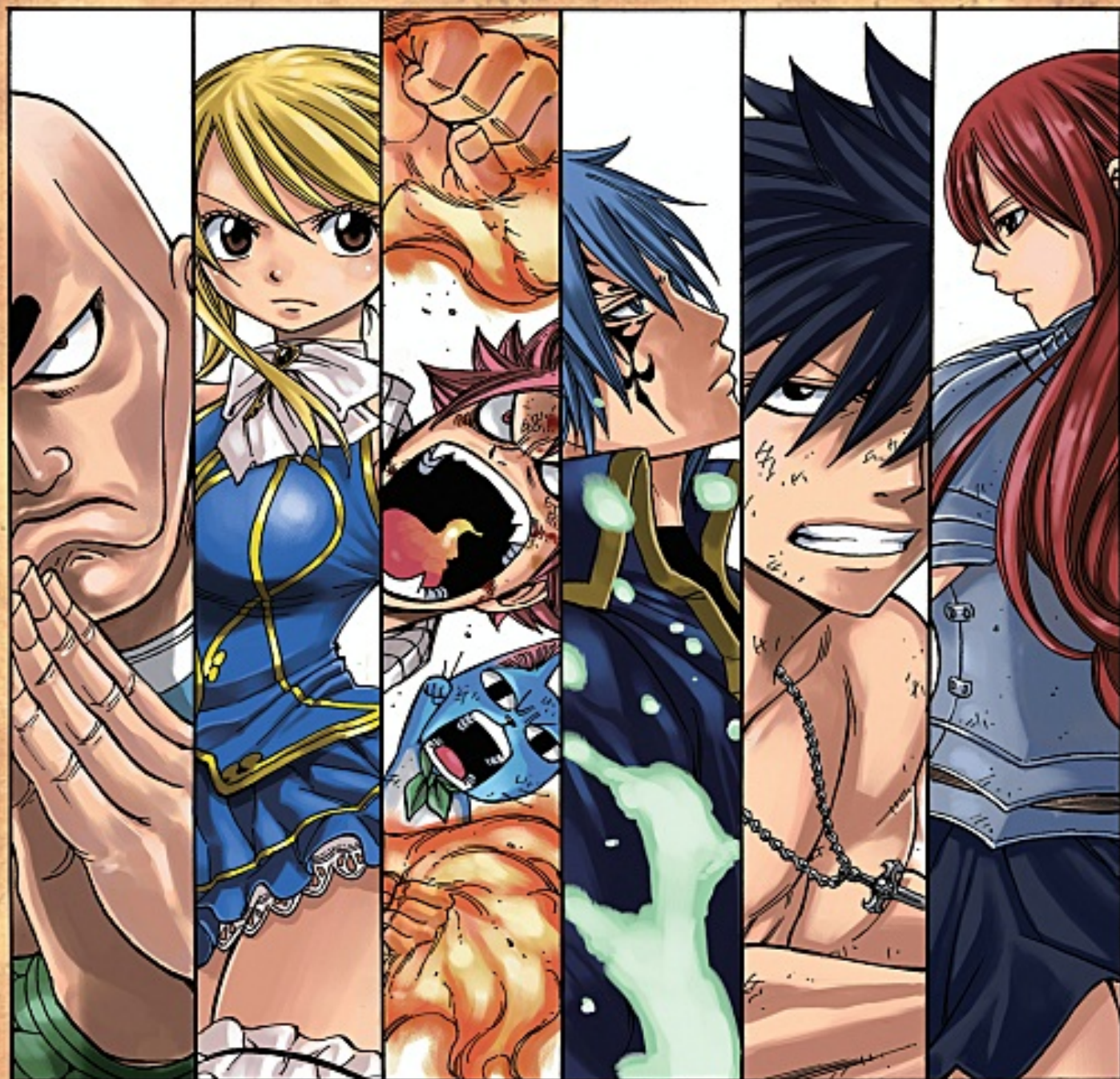


# FAIRY TAIL

18



*Hiro Mashima*  
Creator of *Rave Master*

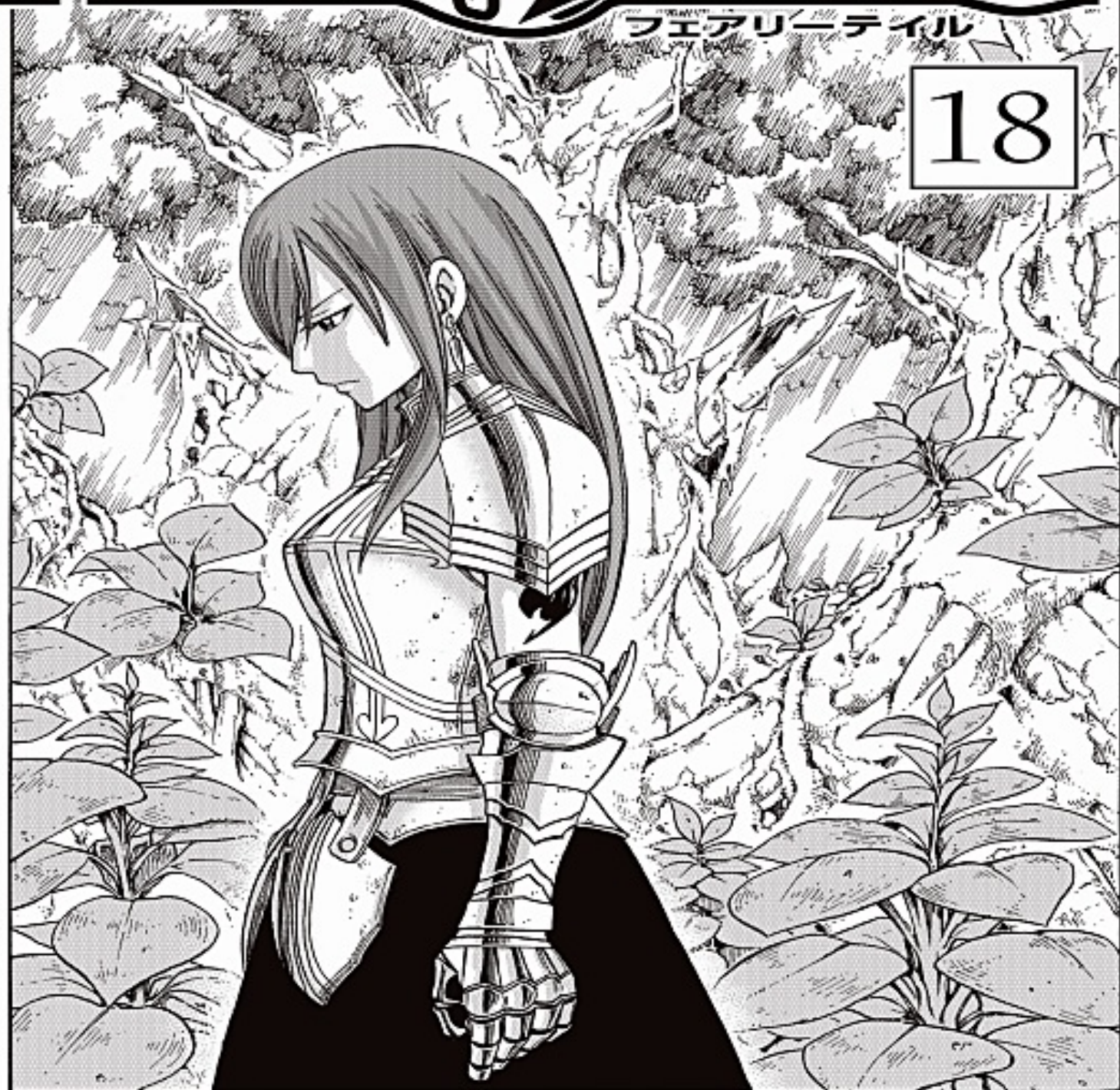




# FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

18



HIRO MASHIMA



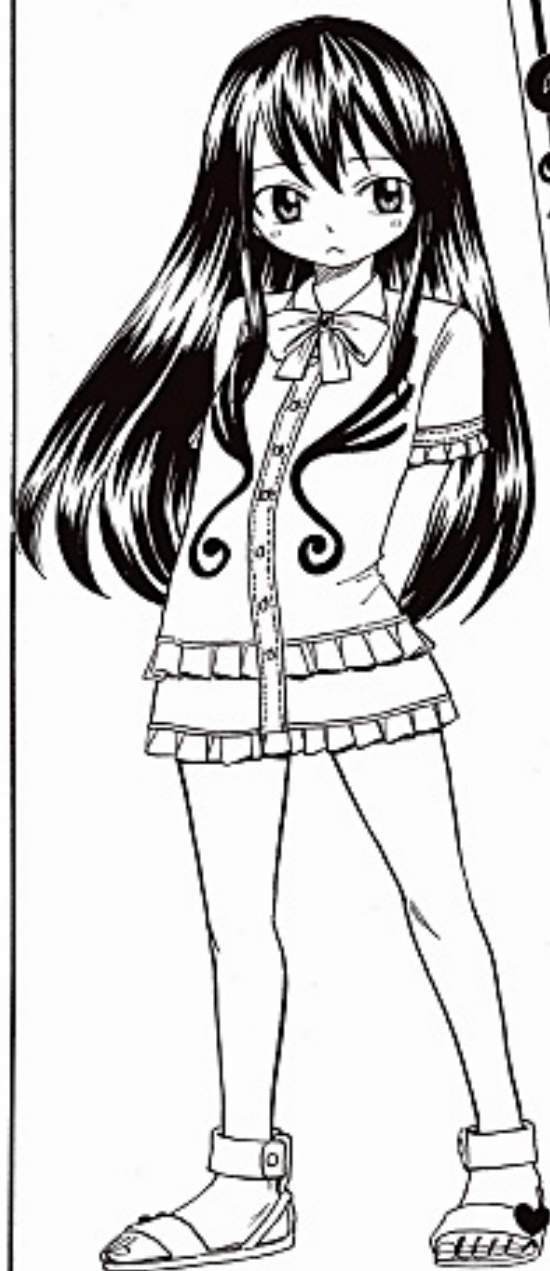


|                                                        |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Chapter 144: Pretty Voice                              | 3   |
| Chapter 145: Memories of Jellal                        | 23  |
| Chapter 146: You Are Free                              | 43  |
| Chapter 147: Guild of Hope                             | 65  |
| Chapter 148: March of Destruction                      | 85  |
| Chapter 149: The Super Aerial Battle!! Natsu vs. Cobra | 105 |
| Chapter 150: Dragon's Roar                             | 127 |
| Chapter 151: Annihilation of Six Demons?!              | 147 |
| Chapter 152: Jura of the Ten Saints                    | 167 |



# FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



## Remarks

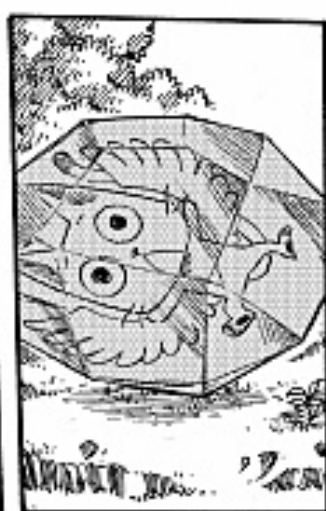
This young member of the wizard guild Cait Shelter is a Sky Dragon Slayer Wizard. She learned how to heal wounds from a dragon. Her magic comes from air; the cleaner the air, the stronger the magic. In polluted air, her magic doesn't work at all.

Seven years ago, the dragon that raised her, Grandeene, went missing, just like the dragons who trained Natsu and Gajeel. When she heard rumors of Natsu, she felt she needed to meet him, so she volunteered for this mission.

For Wendy, who is usually extremely shy, volunteering took a huge amount of courage.

## Chapter 144: Pretty Voice







This is just  
one of the  
spoils of  
war.

PAT  
PAT PAT

SIGH...

Why?  
Because it  
was me who  
**killed**  
Karen.

Why do  
you own  
Karen's  
Celestial  
Spirit?!







GRAB

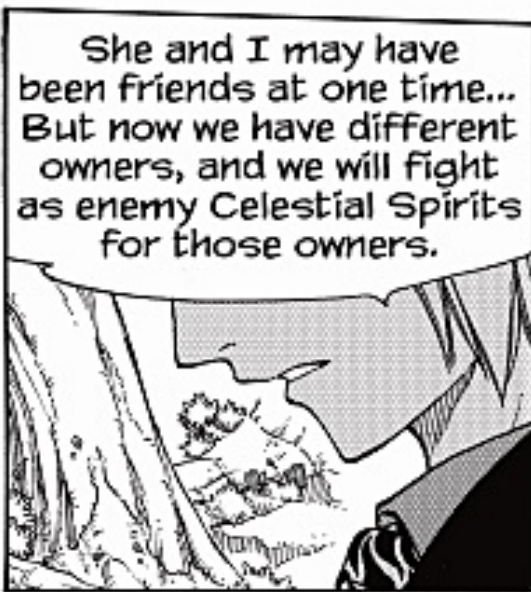
Close

I'm sorry to do this so soon after you just saw her again, but...



No, I can't...!!!  
If I start falling into this kind of thinking, my soul will be stolen by Nirvana!

Dammit!  
I can't...  
I can't think of that...



She and I may have been friends at one time... But now we have different owners, and we will fight as enemy Celestial Spirits for those owners.



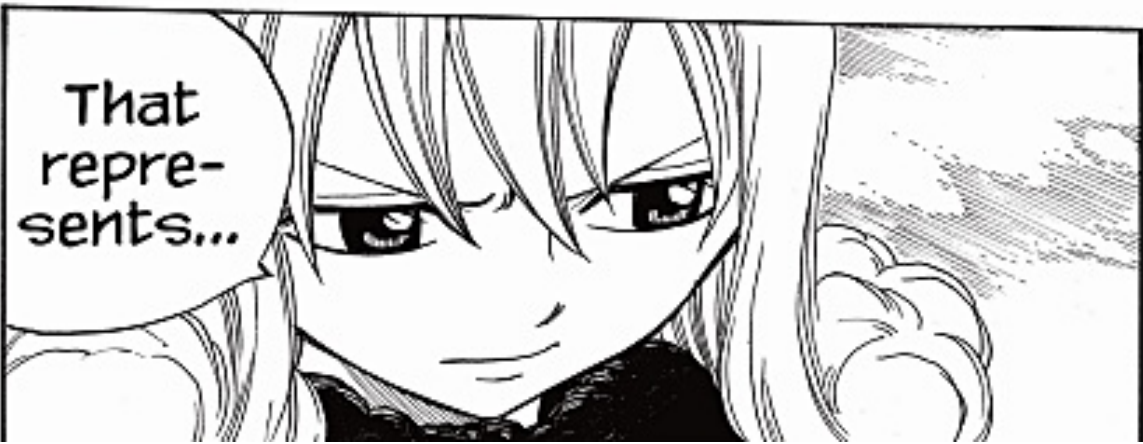
Don't undervalue me, Lucy.



This represents...



I may owe my life to my opponent, but for the sake of my owner, I will fight him as an enemy!

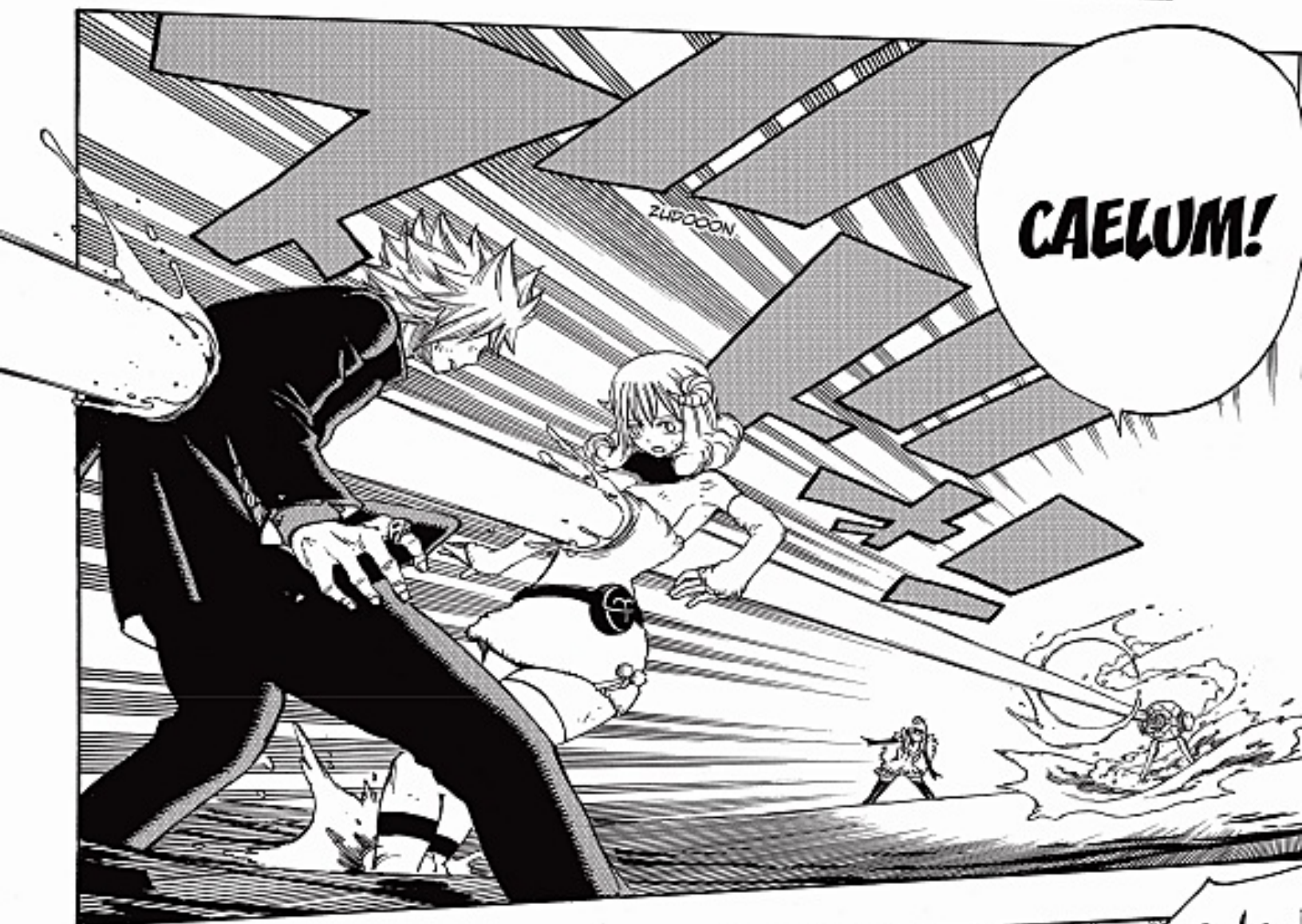


That represents...













You've found a good owner...

I'm so glad...



Forgive me, Lucy...

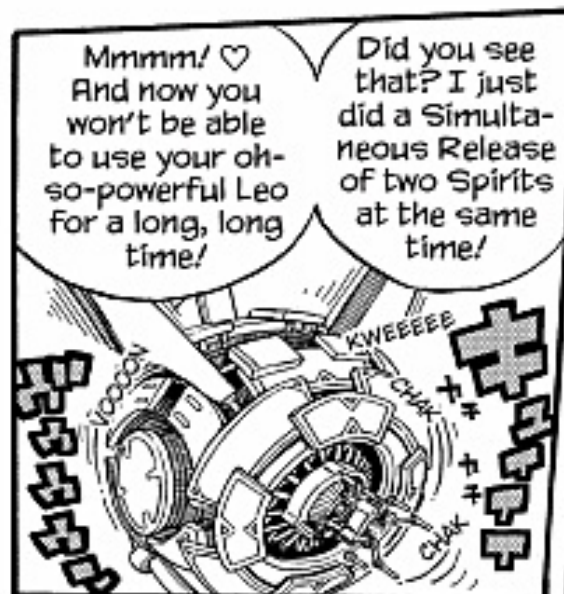


Leo...

Aries...

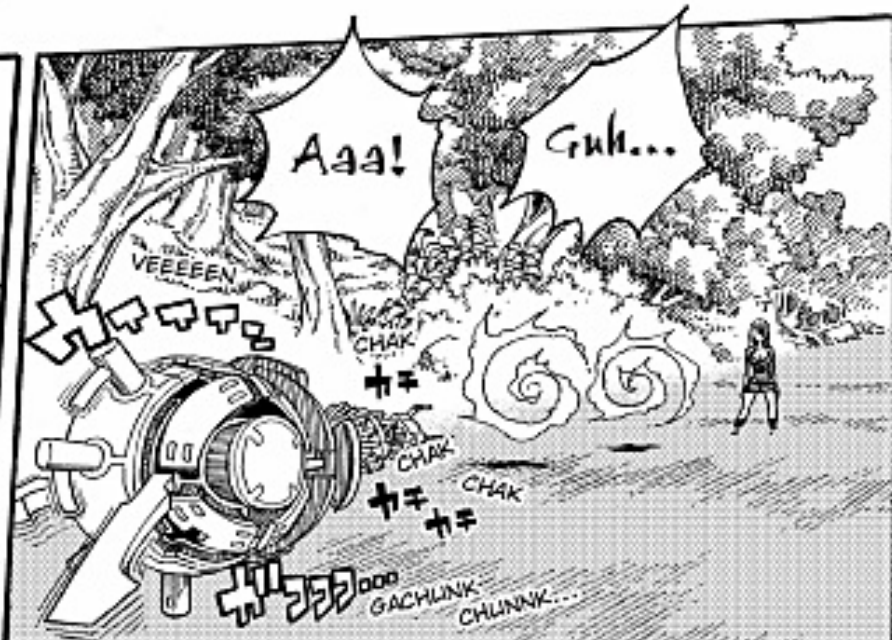


She did that to her own spirit...



Mmmm! ♡ And now you won't be able to use your oh-so-powerful Leo for a long, long time!

Did you see that? I just did a Simultaneous Release of two Spirits at the same time!



Aaa!

Guh...

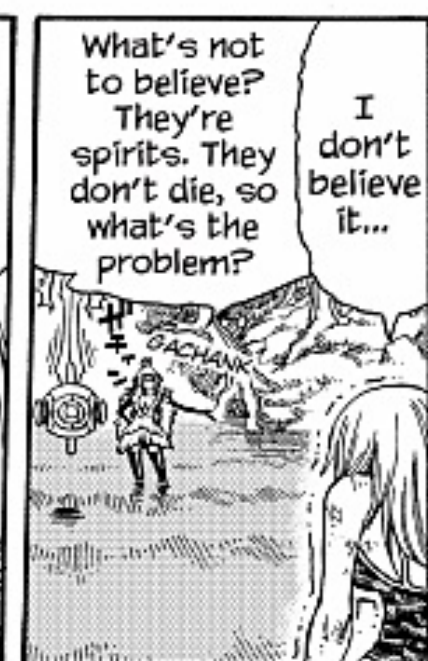


And you call yourself a Celestial Wizard ?!!!



They have senses and emotions!

But they feel pain ...



What's not to believe? They're spirits. They don't die, so what's the problem?

I don't believe it...







You don't have much magic power to start with, and there you go using it all up.

I...

HAHH  
HAHH

Huh?

EH?

PLASH

はし

Agh!

THWACK

That can't be true...

HAHH

HAHH

Ah ha  
ha ha  
ha!

Ahh!

Ow—

Now  
you've gone  
and killed  
yourself.  
What an  
absolute  
fool!

GACH

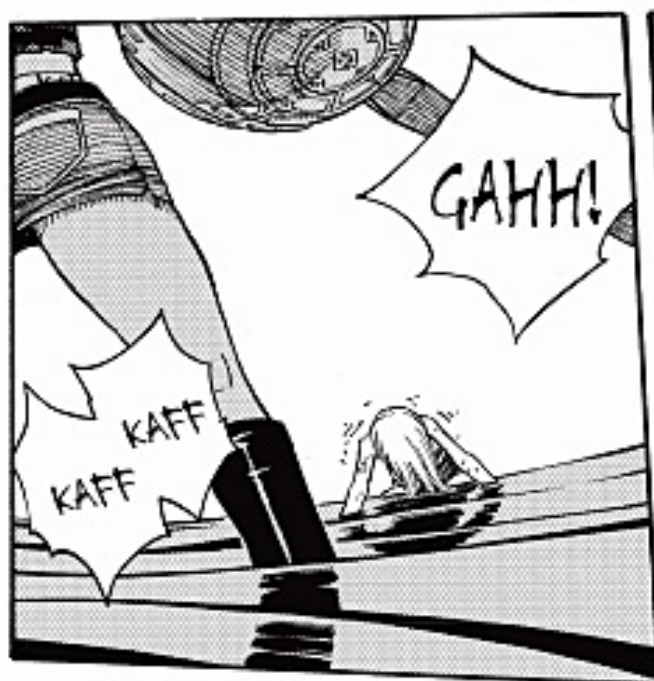
DOGRAK

WHUD

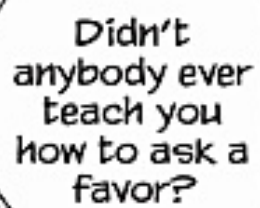
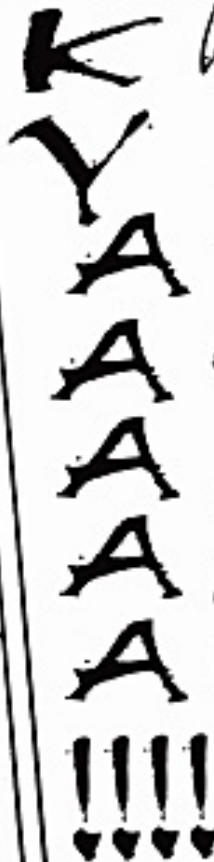
CRACK

ZUGAM













The only ones  
who can give  
them that is  
us Celestial  
Wizards. Just  
us...

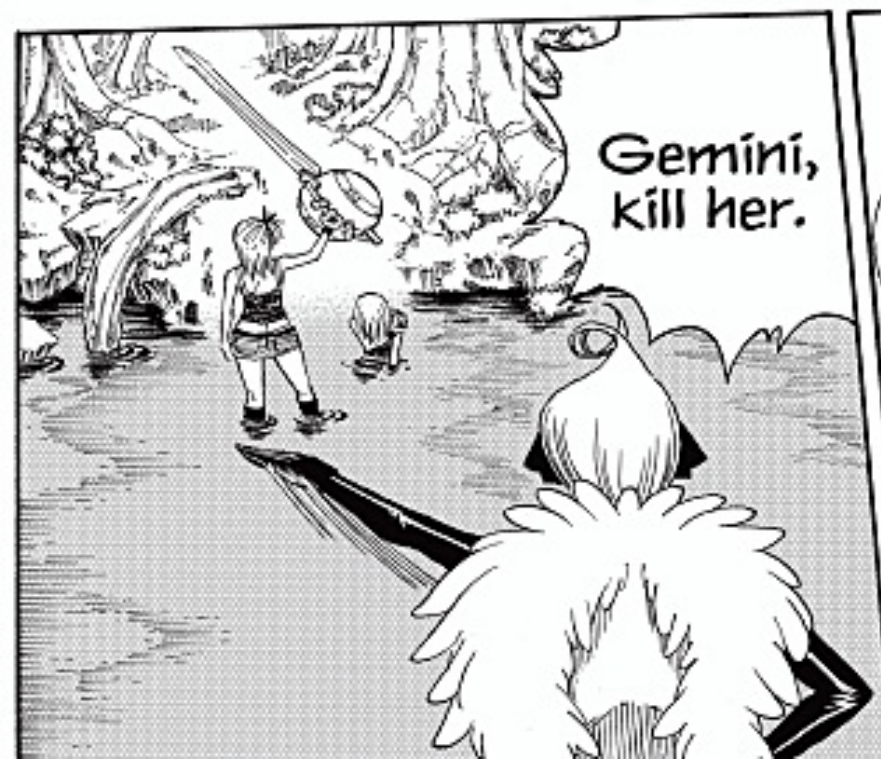
Let her be  
together with  
Loke...



I'll give you  
whatever you  
want... Not  
my keys,  
but anything  
else!!!



With  
nothing  
in it for  
me?



Gemini,  
kill her.

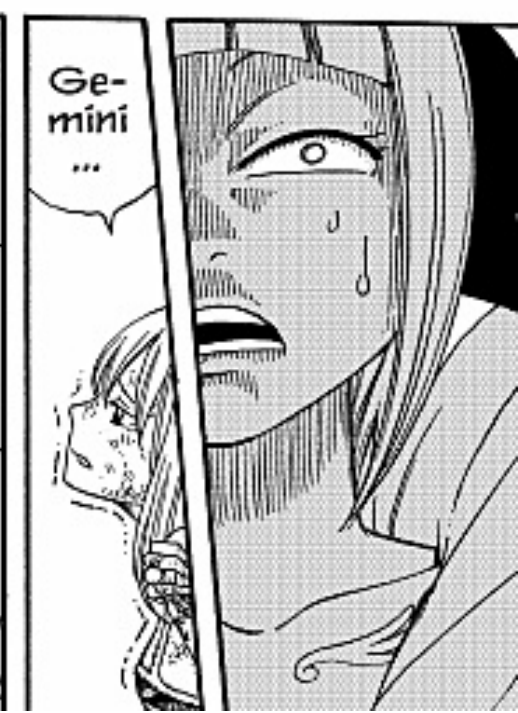


Fine.  
Your  
life.

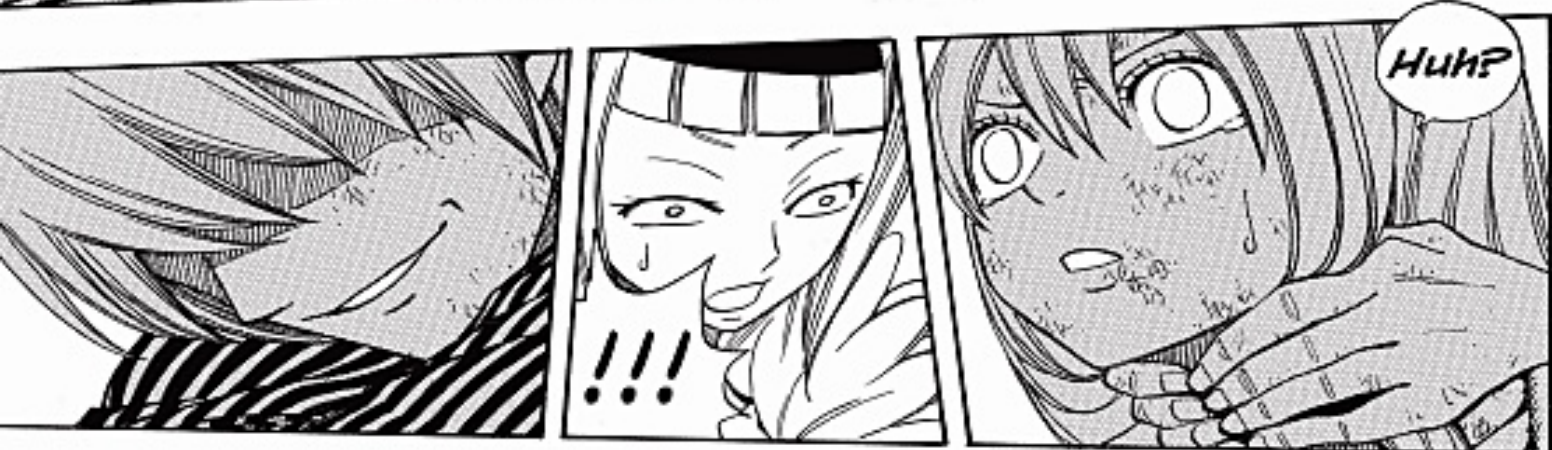
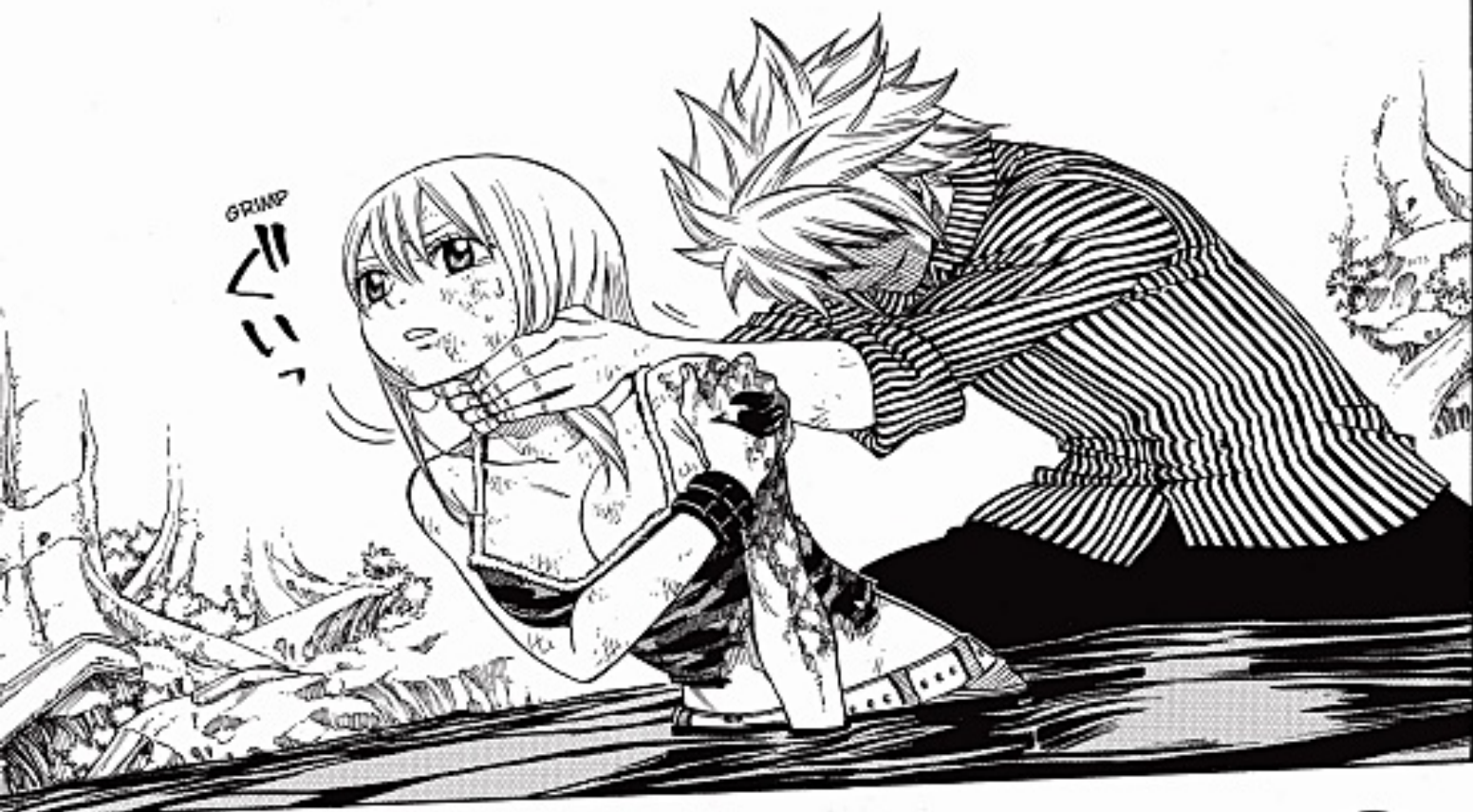
















**UWAA!!**

Because  
I'm going to  
download, once  
and only once,  
the knowledge of  
hyper-magic!



A form  
that I've  
never seen  
before is  
now inside  
my head...

Wh-  
What...is  
this...?!



Wha...



But your bonds  
to the Celestial  
Spirits filled me  
with light... I  
just know that  
you can use  
this magic...

That was very  
close... Just a little  
push farther, and I  
would have fallen  
to darkness.







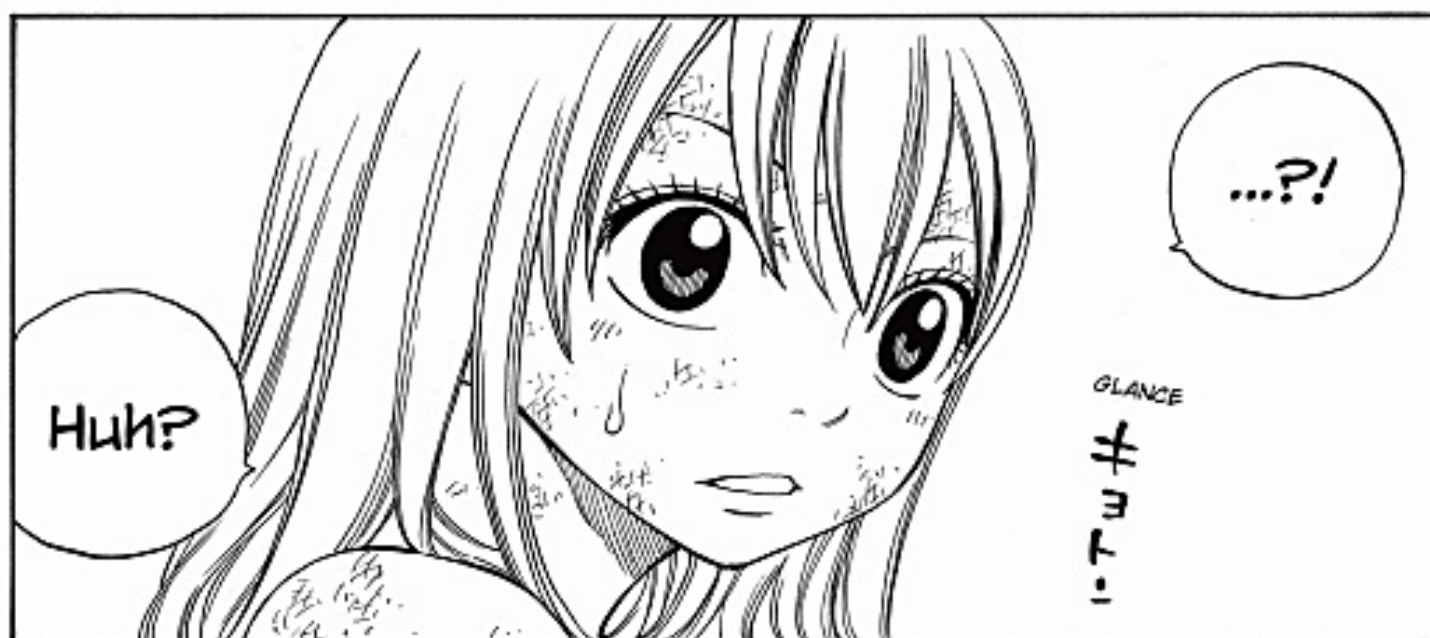




# URANO METEORIA !!!!



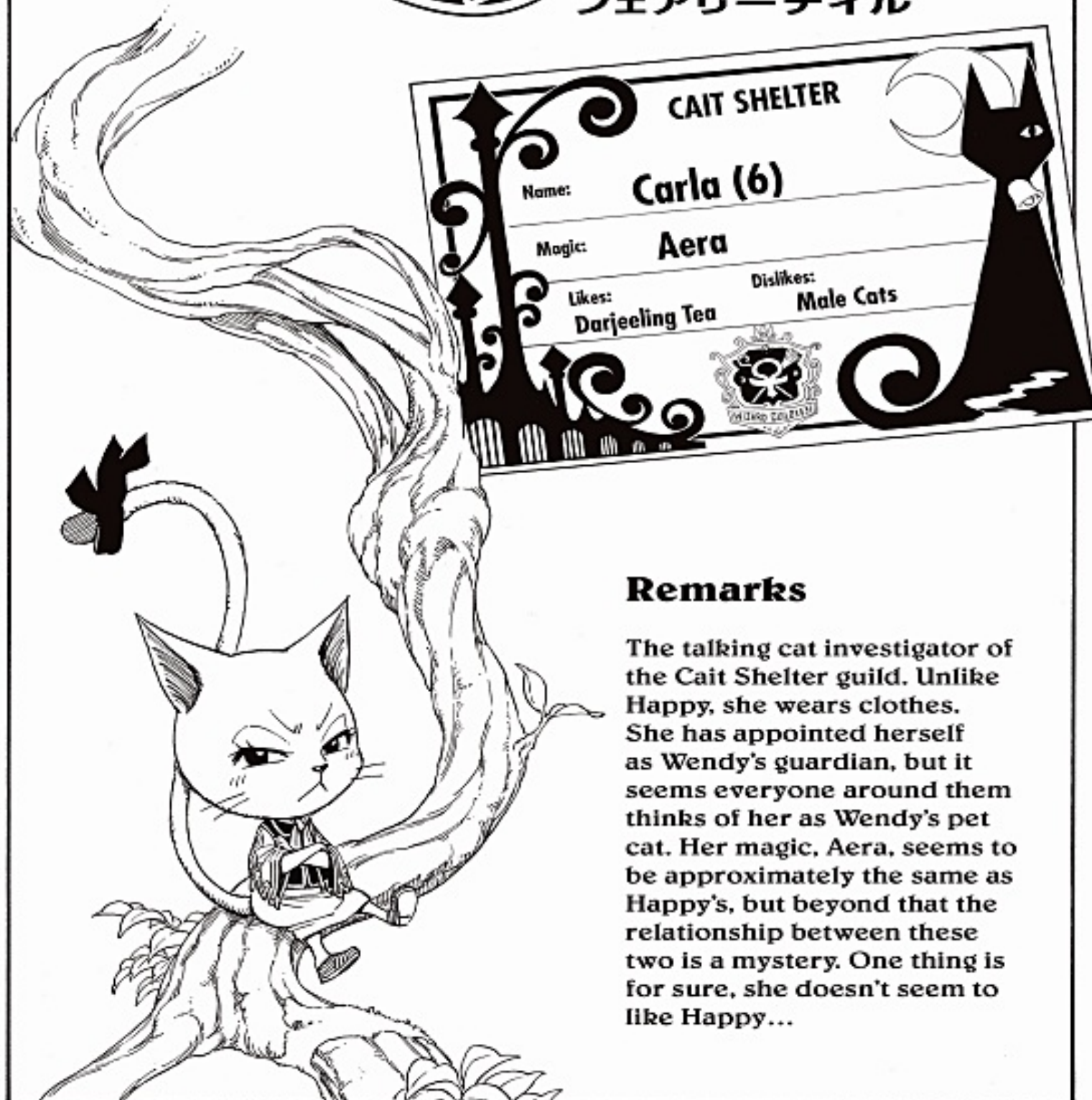






# FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

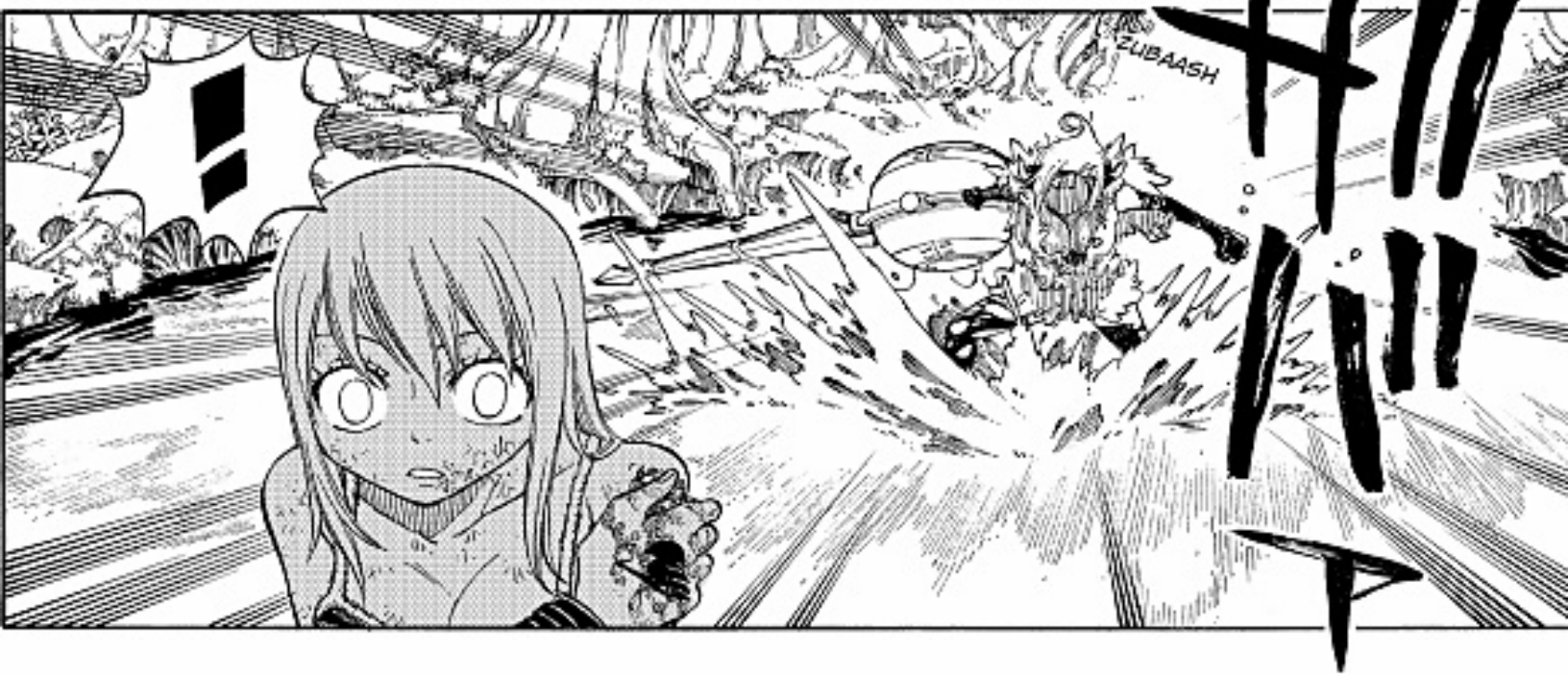


## Remarks

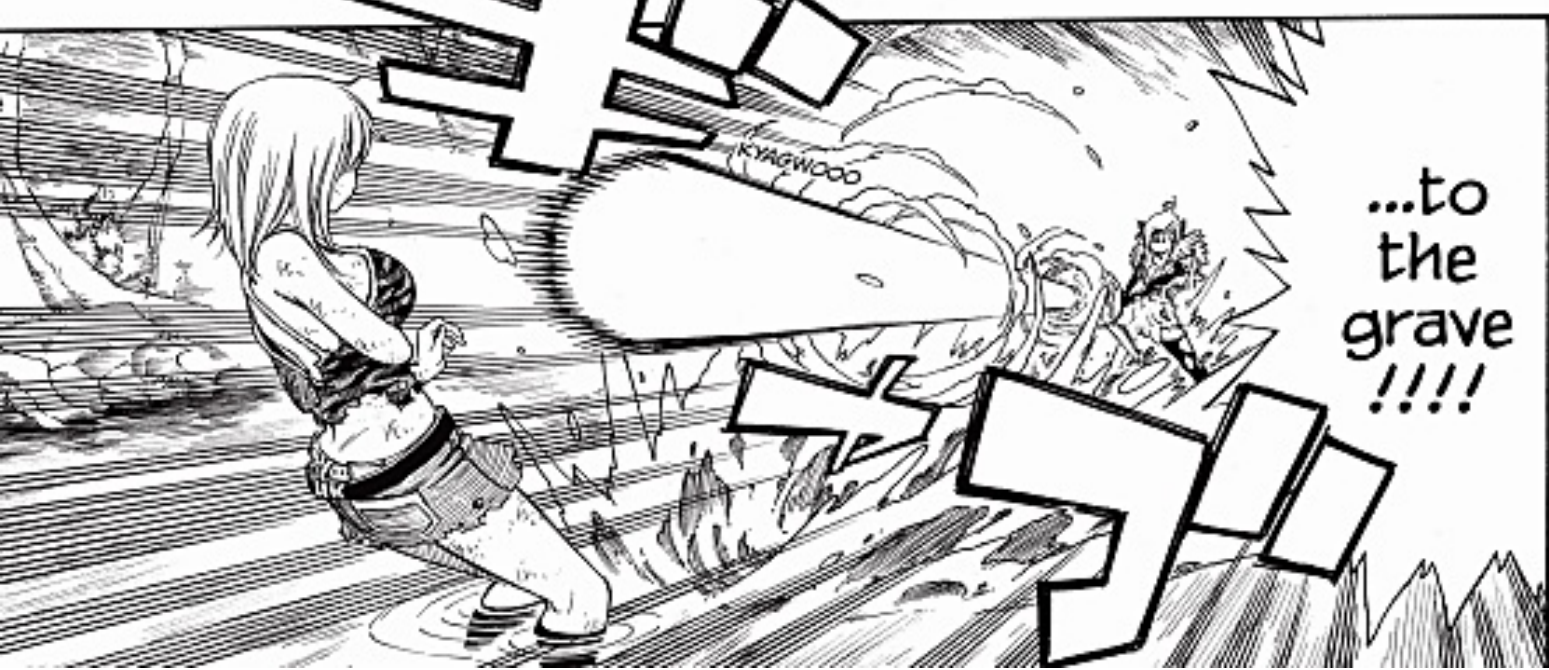
The talking cat investigator of the Cait Shelter guild. Unlike Happy, she wears clothes. She has appointed herself as Wendy's guardian, but it seems everyone around them thinks of her as Wendy's pet cat. Her magic, Aera, seems to be approximately the same as Happy's, but beyond that the relationship between these two is a mystery. One thing is for sure, she doesn't seem to like Happy...

## Chapter 145: Memories of Jellal

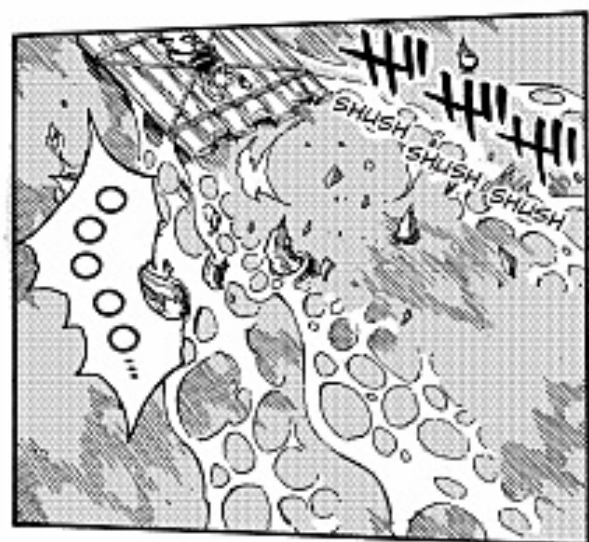




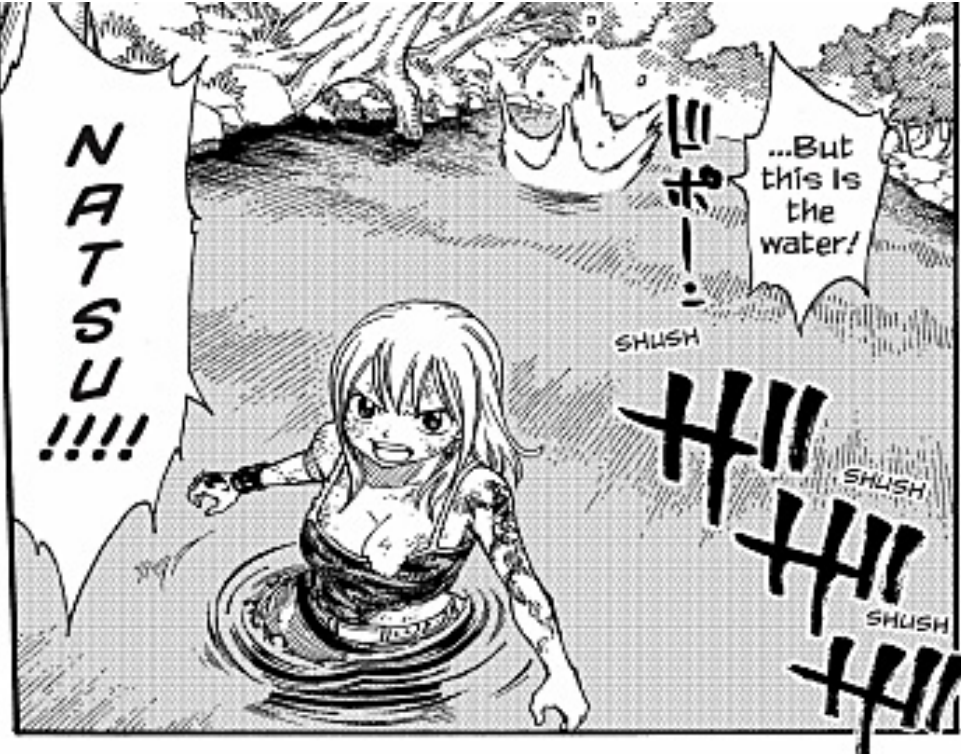




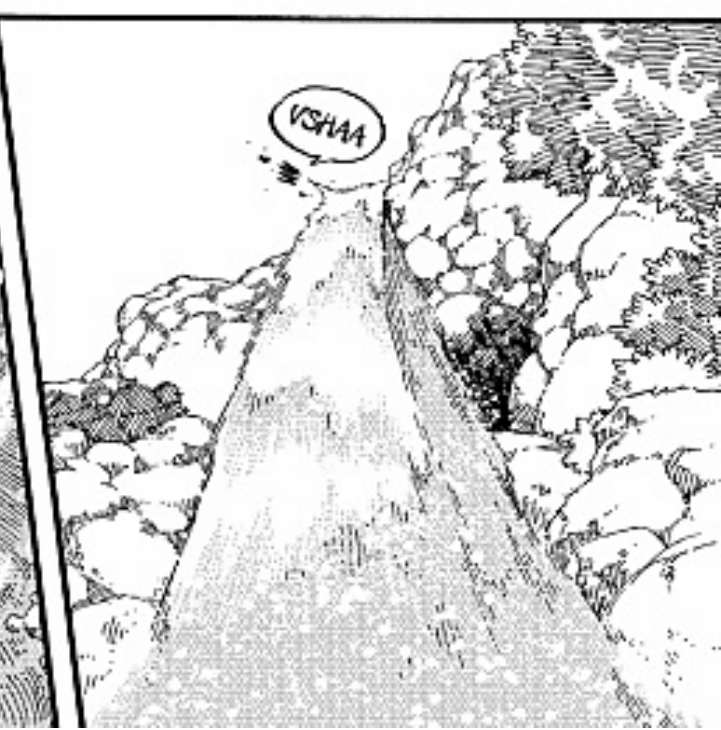
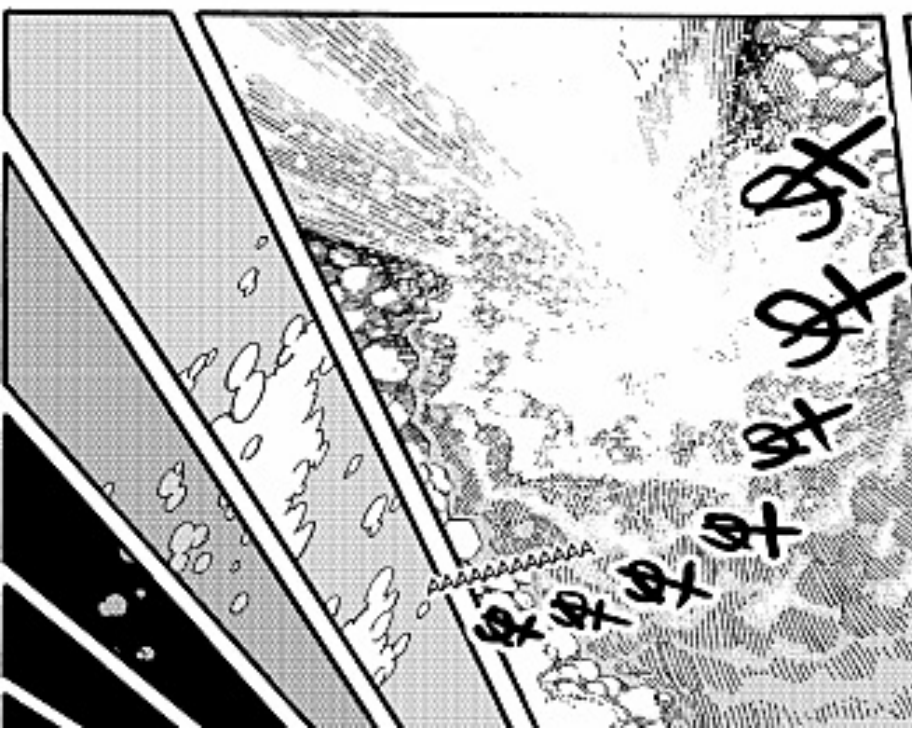












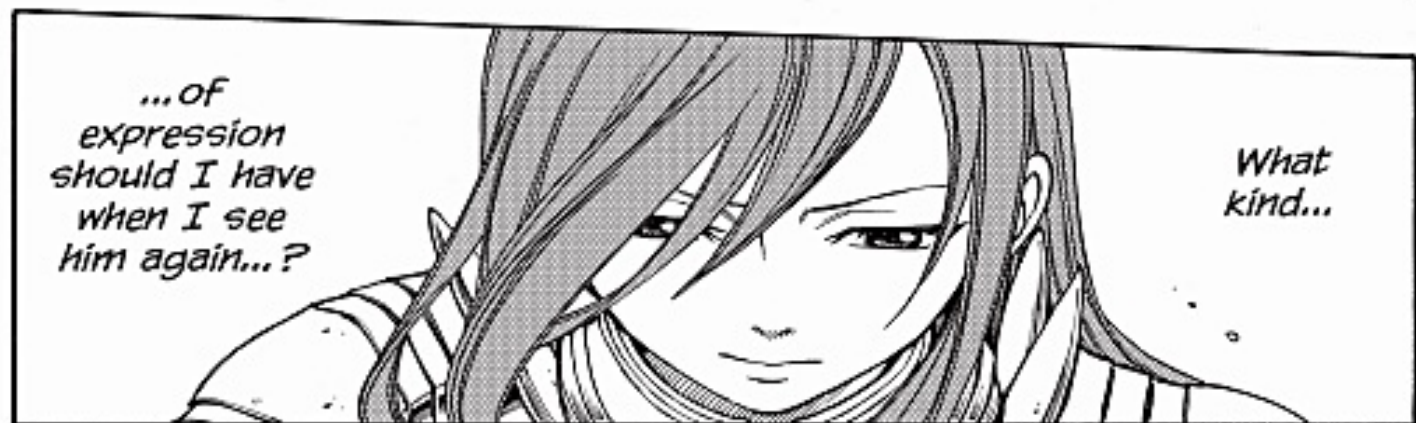




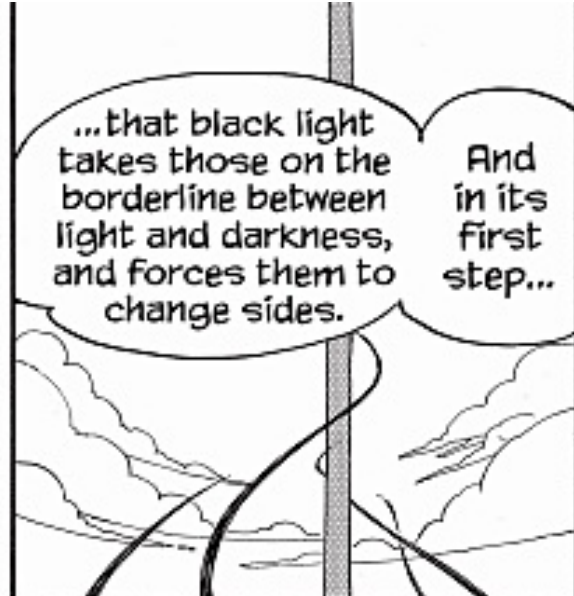








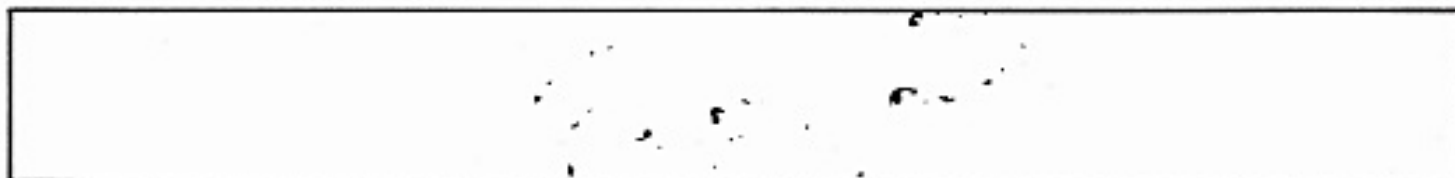
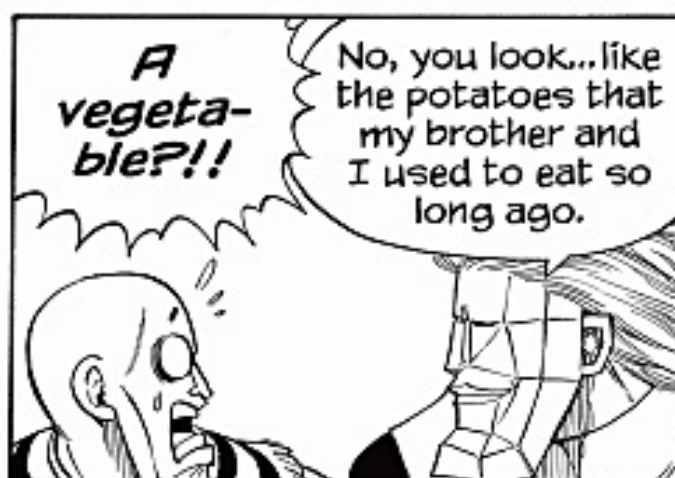








Now...shall  
we stop  
Brain and his  
group, all for  
the sake of  
love?













But one day, he said something odd...

Or maybe that's not quite right, since *he* was lost too.

That was when Jellal saved me.

So the two of us spent about a month together, wandering.

**Anima  
?!!!**

.....!!!!!!

Then... What happened to Jellal?

The guild was Cait Shelter.

Yeah. I didn't understand it, either... But he said that going with him would be dangerous, so he led me to a nearby guild that would take me in.

Anima?

I never saw him again.

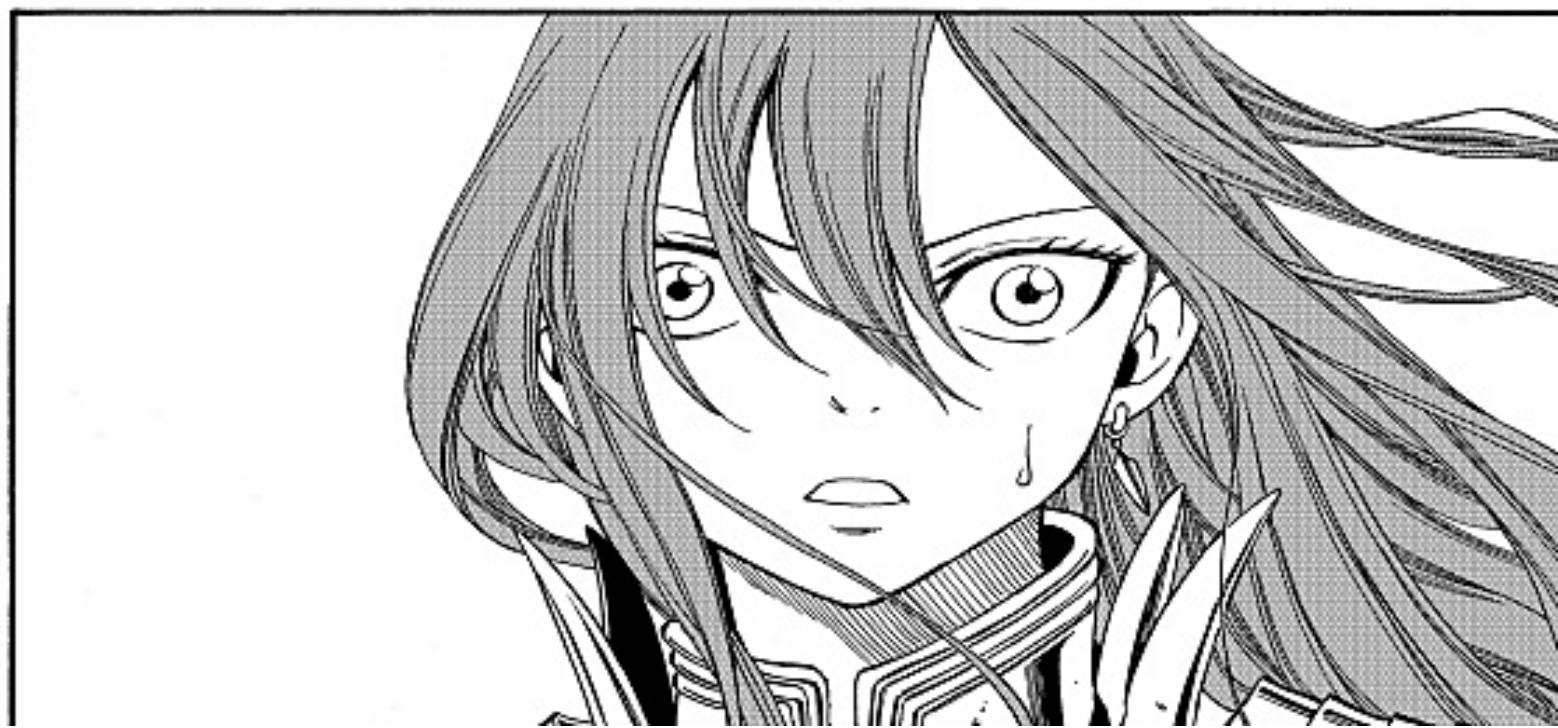




















Erza ...

Er...  
za...



I don't  
know.

Wh-What...  
are you...  
doing  
here...?



Eh?



That name is  
the only thing  
I remember  
...



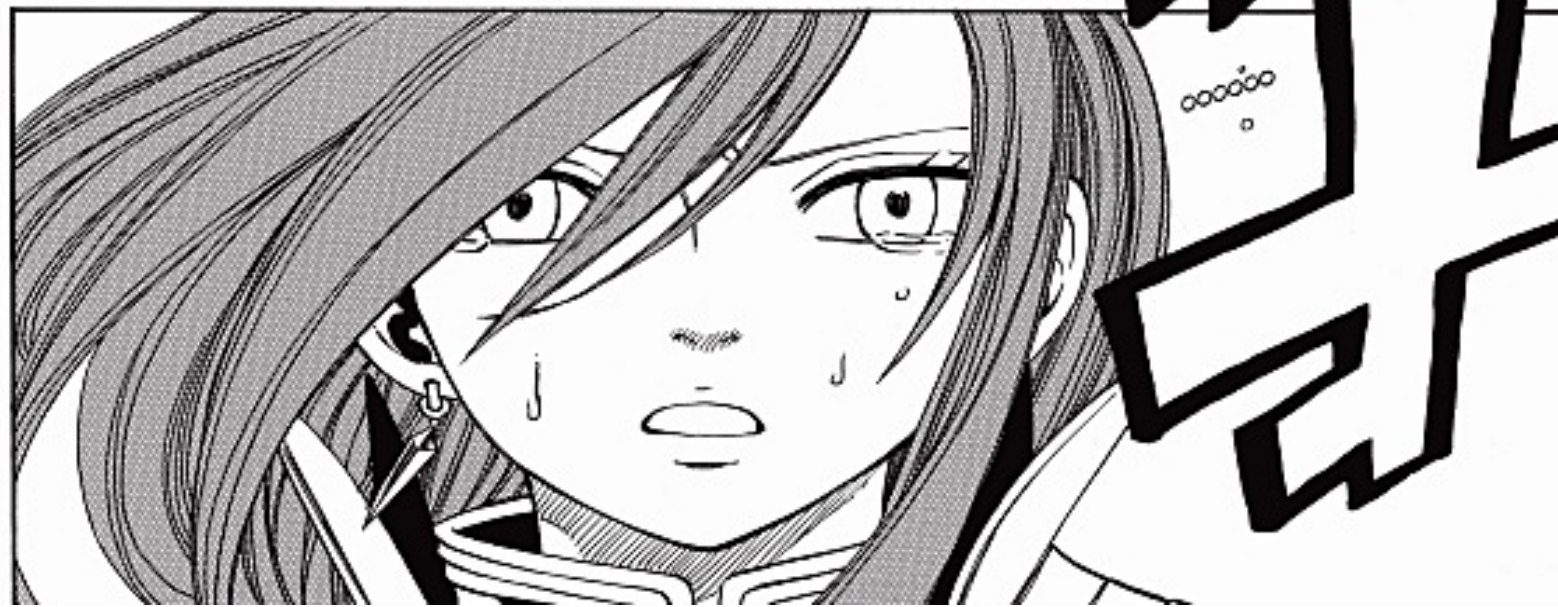
Do  
you know  
who I'm  
supposed  
to be?



Would  
you tell  
me...

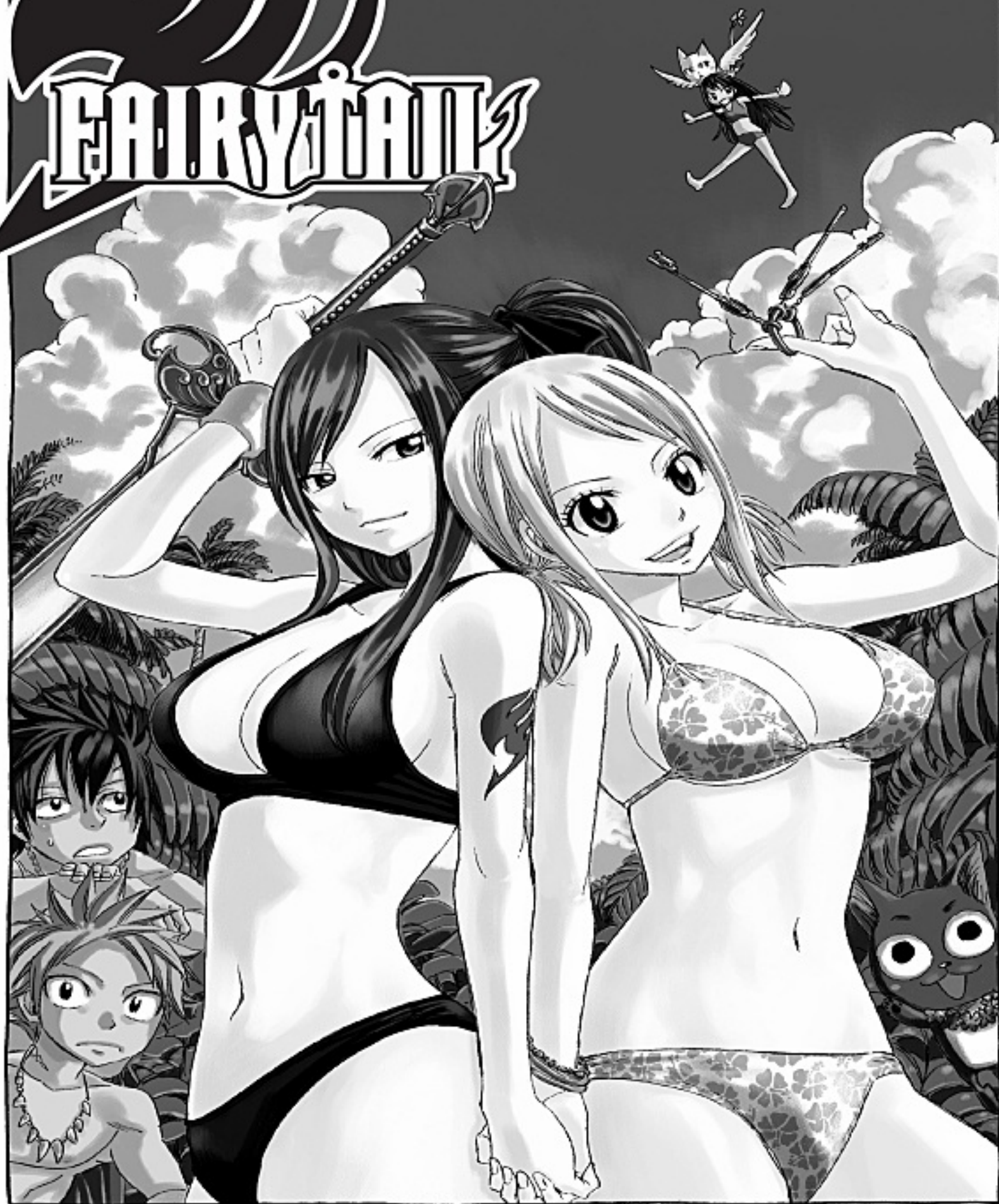
...just  
who I  
am?







# FAIRY TAIL

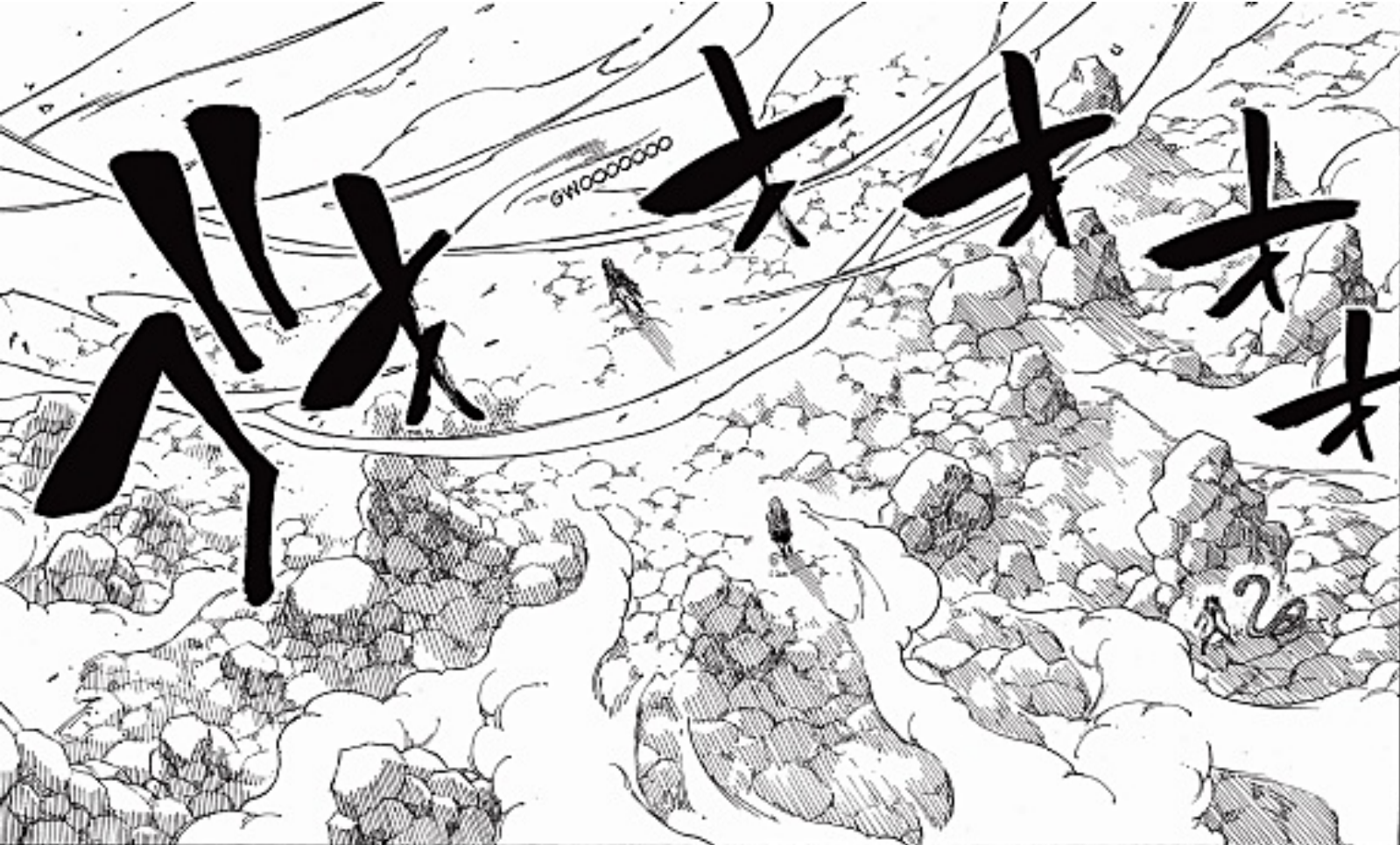






 FAIRYTAIL 



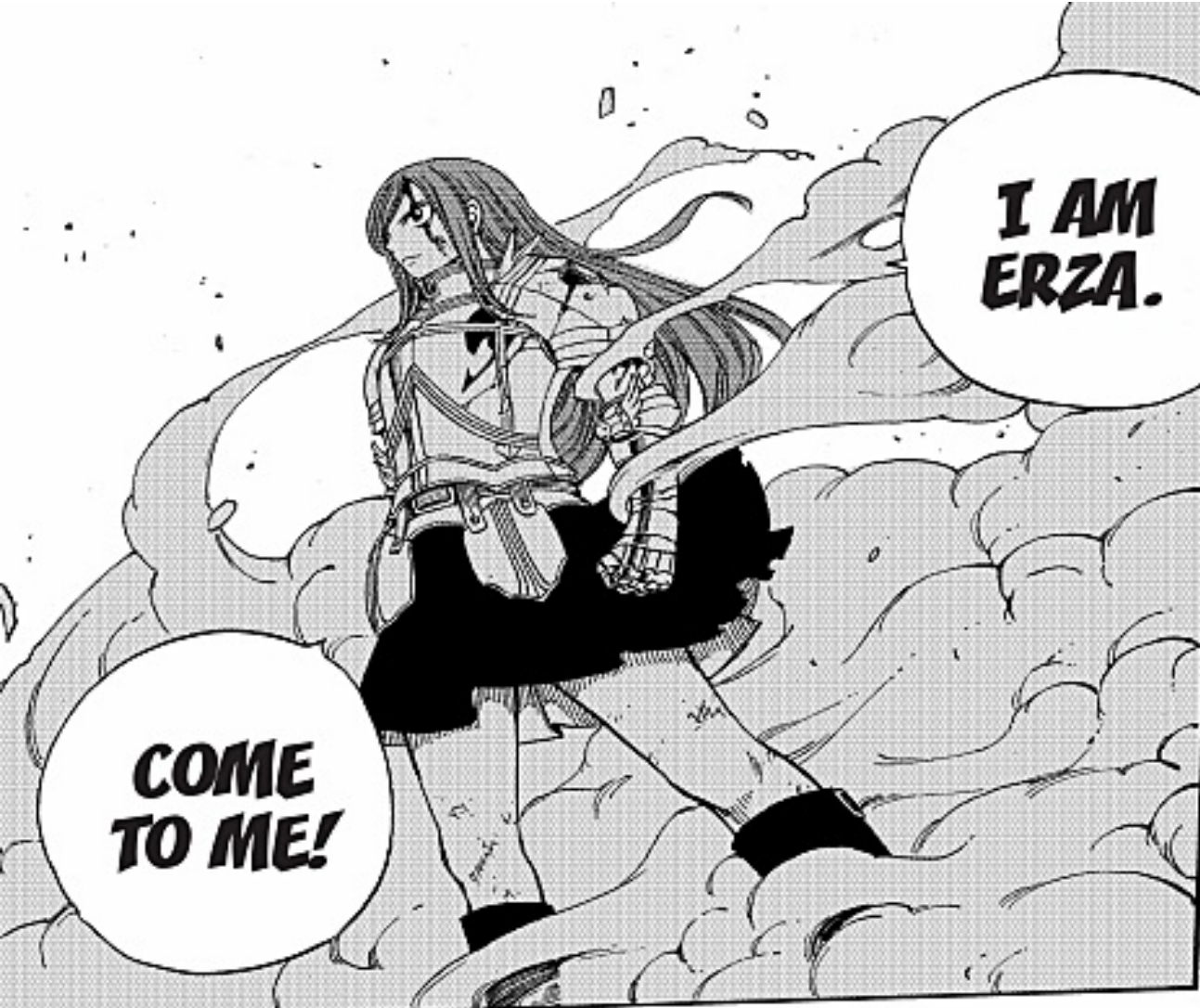


## **Chapter 146: You Are Free**









**I AM  
ERZA.**

**COME  
TO ME!**



D...  
Don't come...  
any closer  
...

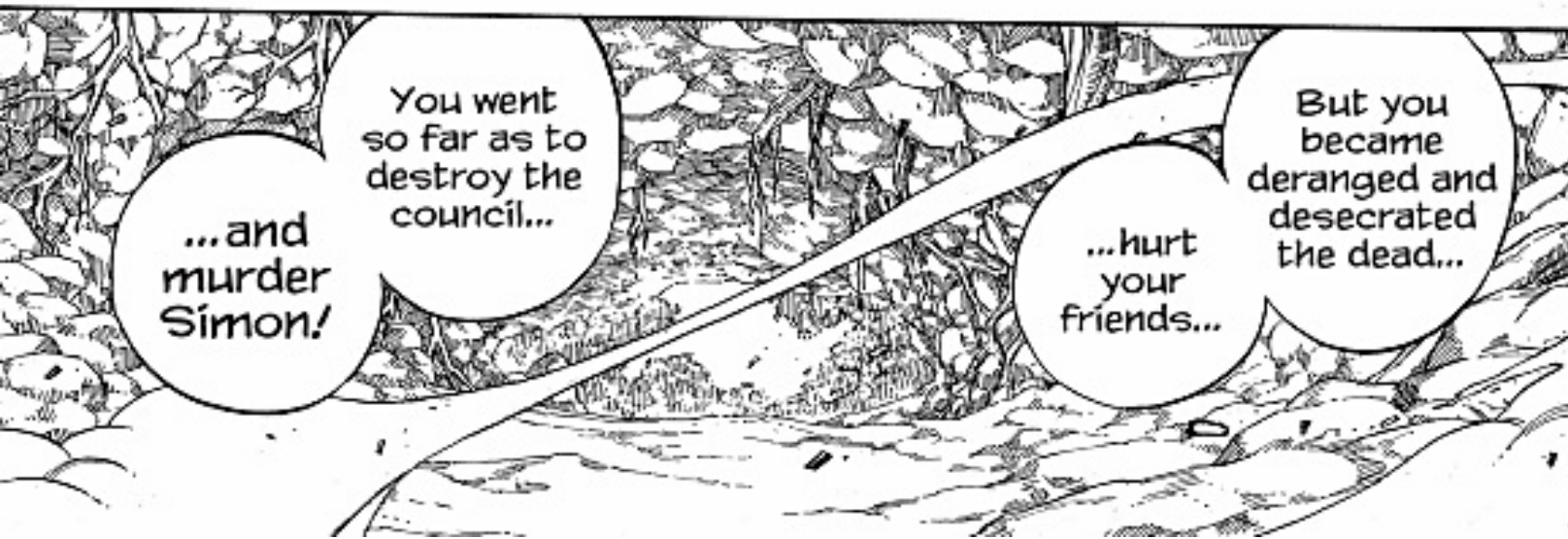


Then you  
come to  
me.



At one  
time, you  
and I were  
friends.

Your  
name is  
Jellal.



...and  
murder  
Simon!

You went  
so far as to  
destroy the  
council...

...hurt  
your  
friends...

But you  
became  
deranged and  
desecrated  
the dead...

















Jellal  
!!!

Where  
is that  
light  
?!!



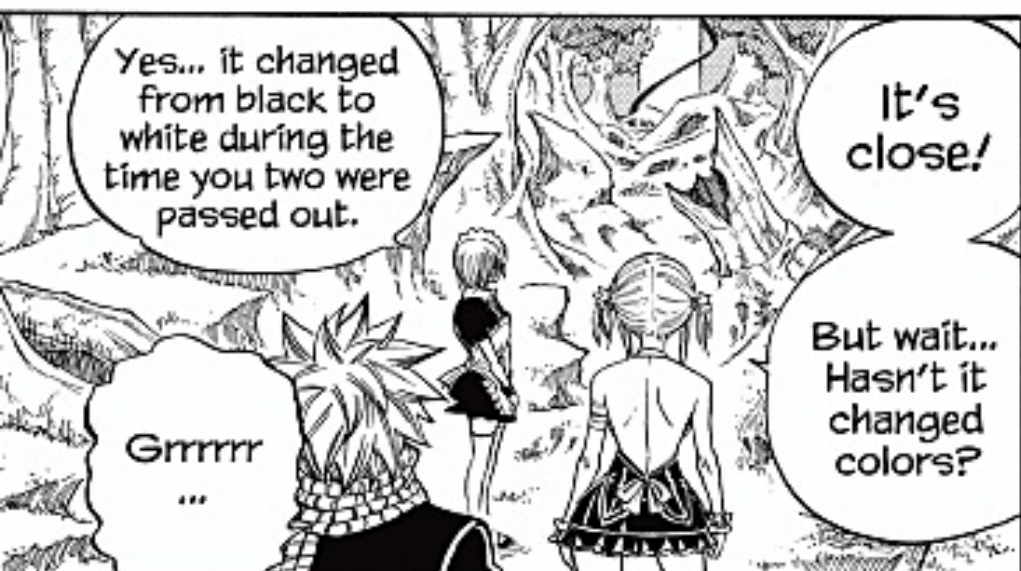
Natsu-  
sama's were  
made to  
match.

That was  
*not* nec-  
essary  
!!!



SHUMP  
むくっ

Where...  
am I?!



Yes... it changed  
from black to  
white during the  
time you two were  
passed out.

It's  
close!

But wait...  
Hasn't it  
changed  
colors?



GLARE  
#!ロ"

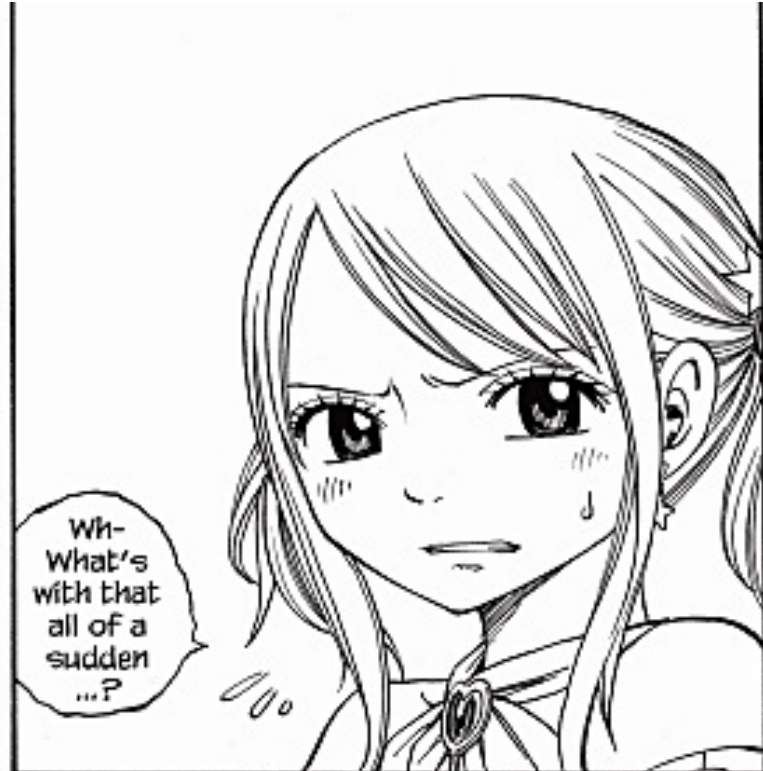


はあ..  
SIGH

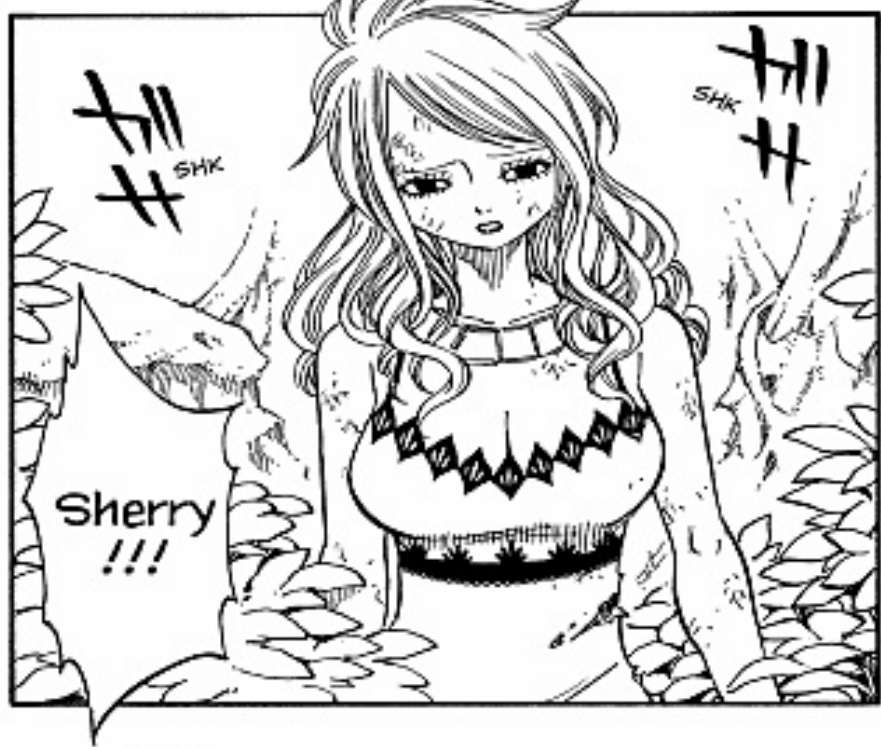


Grrr  
...

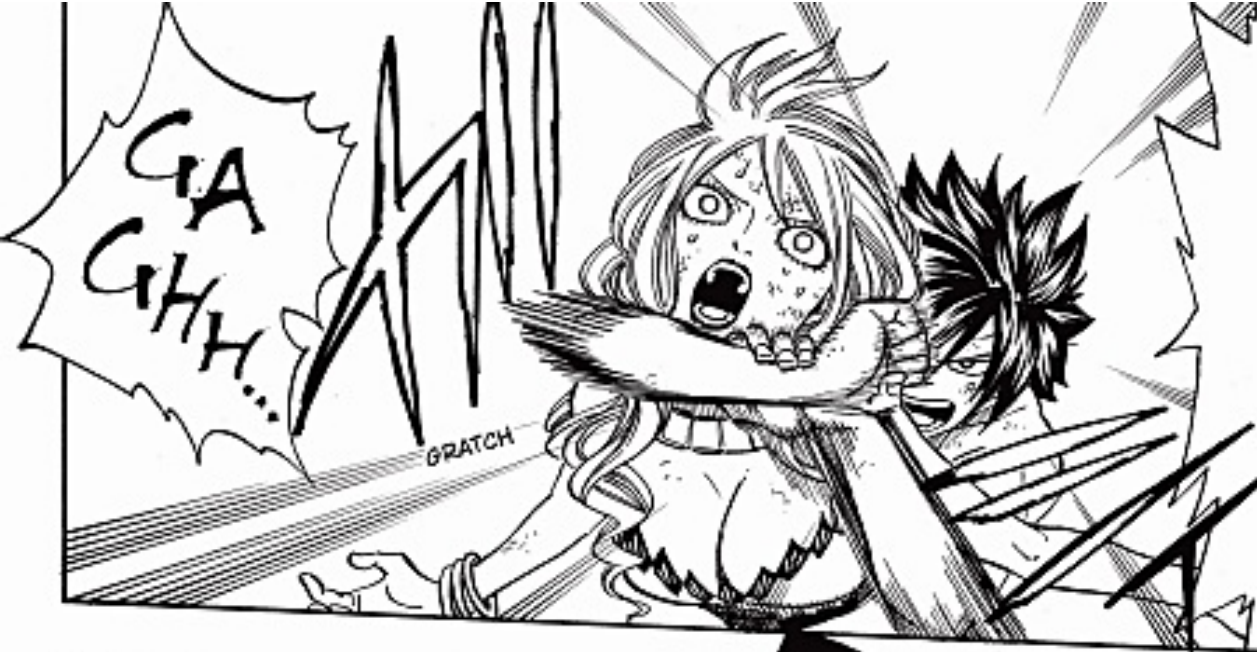












GA  
GHH...

GRATCH

*You  
little  
idiot  
!!!!*



WHUD



You  
guys  
okay?!

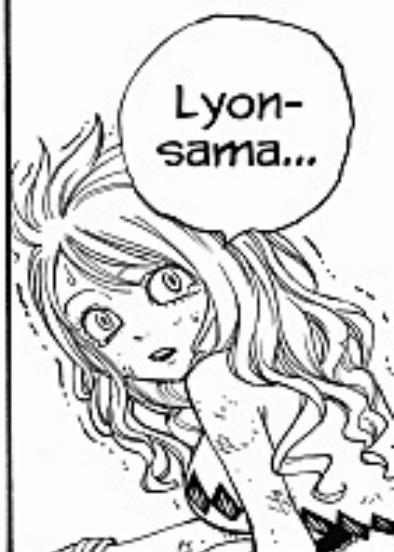


Gray  
!!!



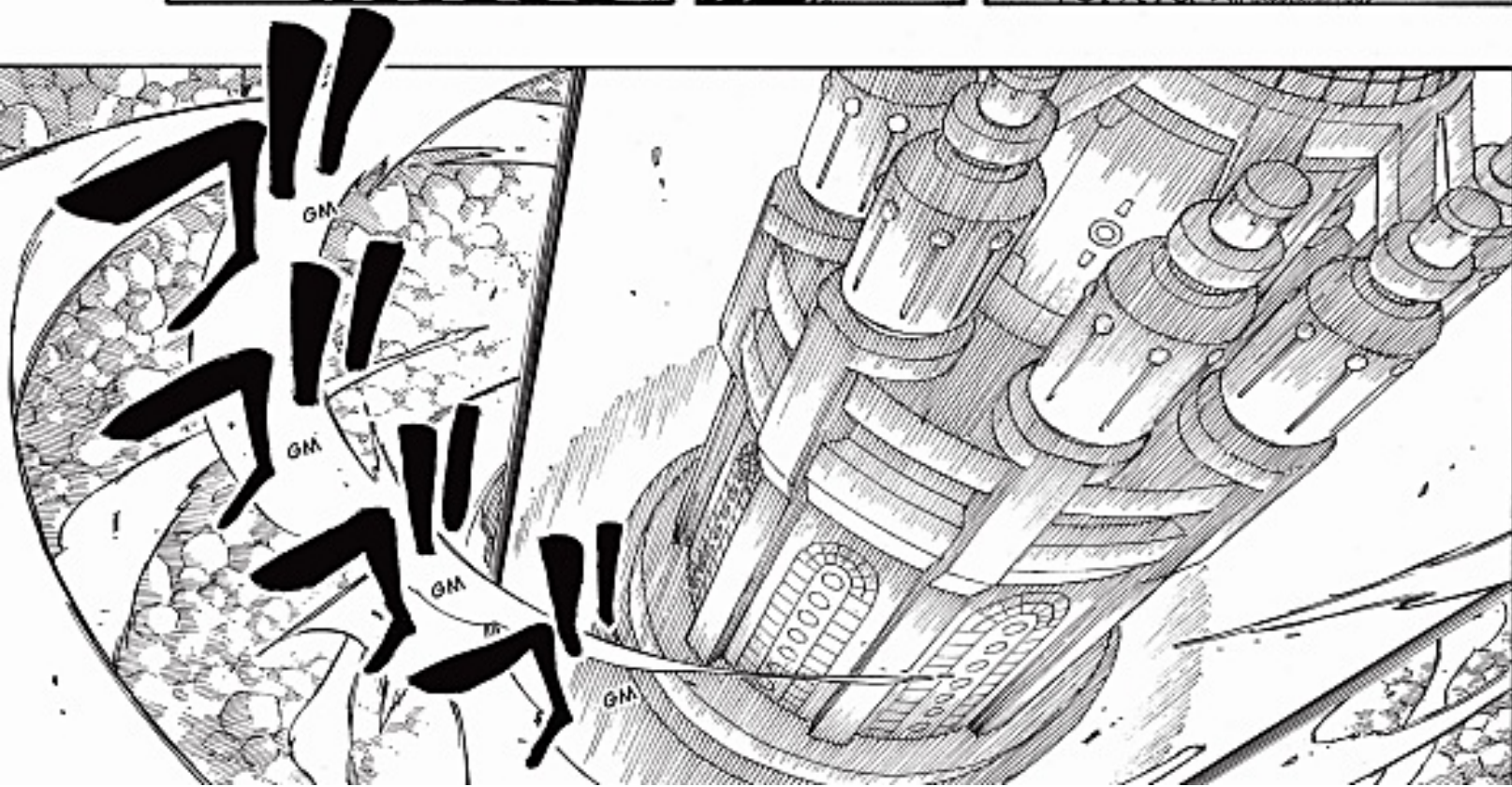








...Nirvana.



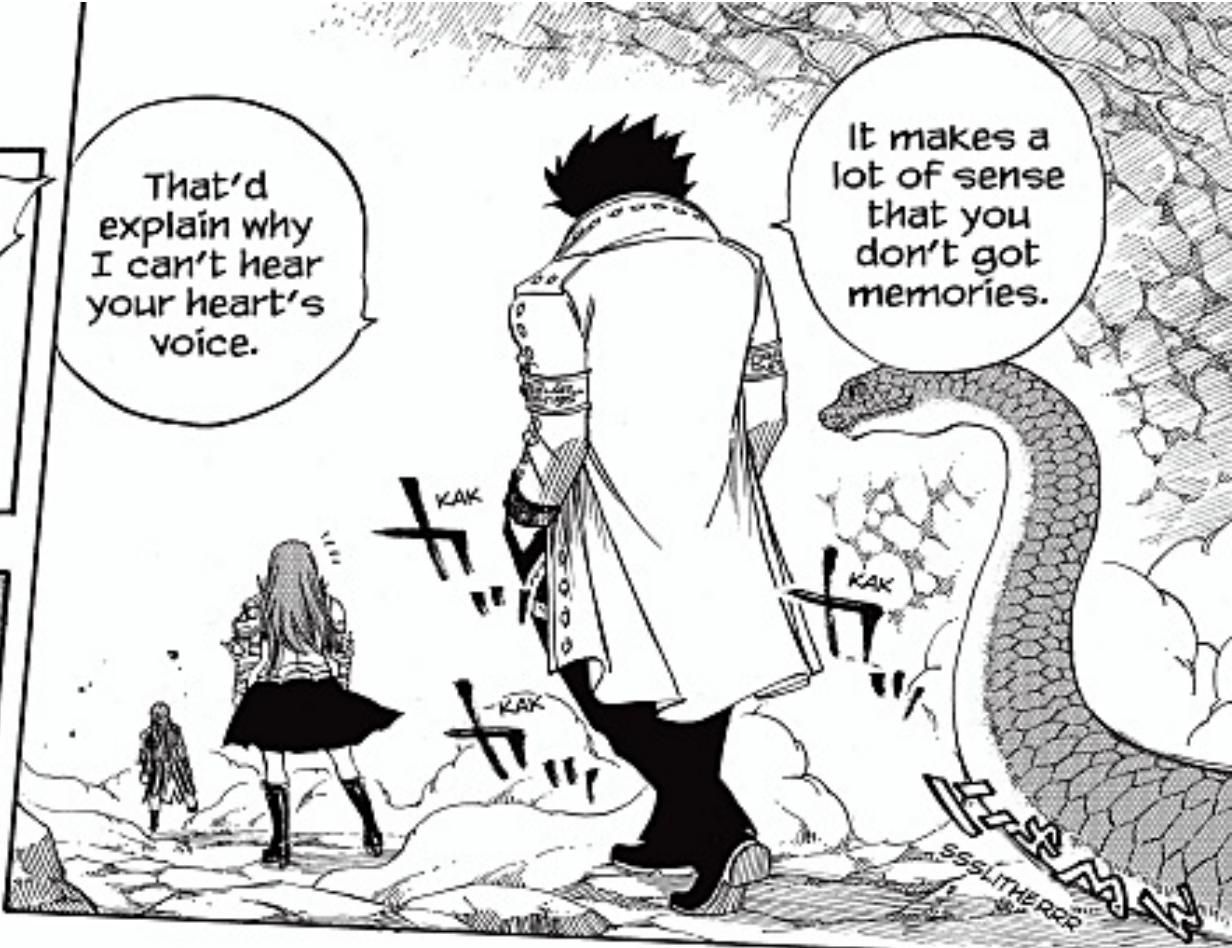




!!



Ora-  
ción  
Seis!



That'd  
explain why  
I can't hear  
your heart's  
voice.

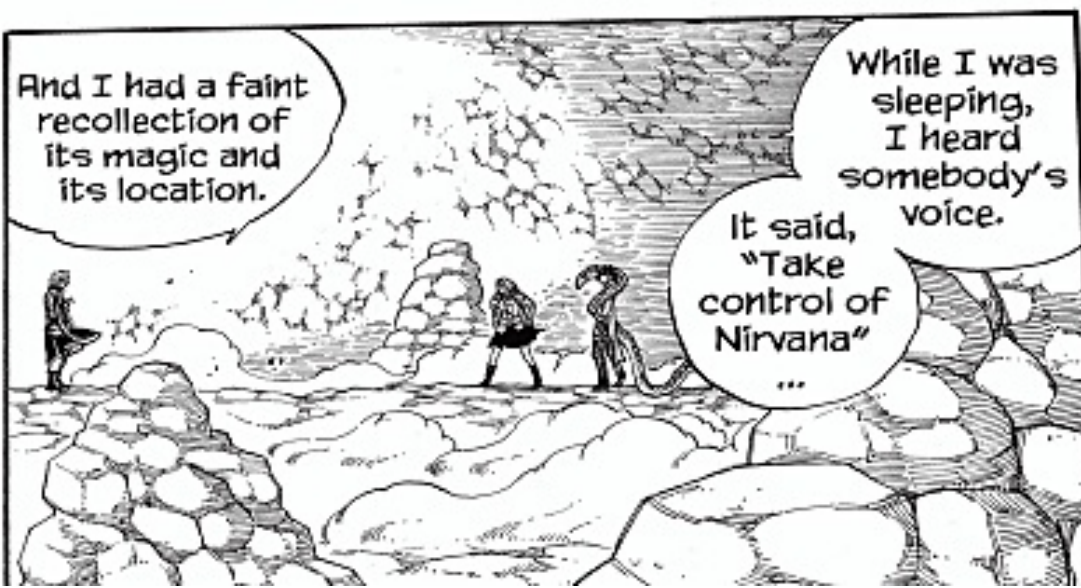
It makes a  
lot of sense  
that you  
don't got  
memories.



And...why'd  
you break  
Nirvana's  
seal?



How'd  
you get  
all the  
way  
here?



And I had a faint  
recollection of  
its magic and  
its location.

While I was  
sleeping,  
I heard  
somebody's  
voice.

It said,  
"Take  
control of  
Nirvana"  
...

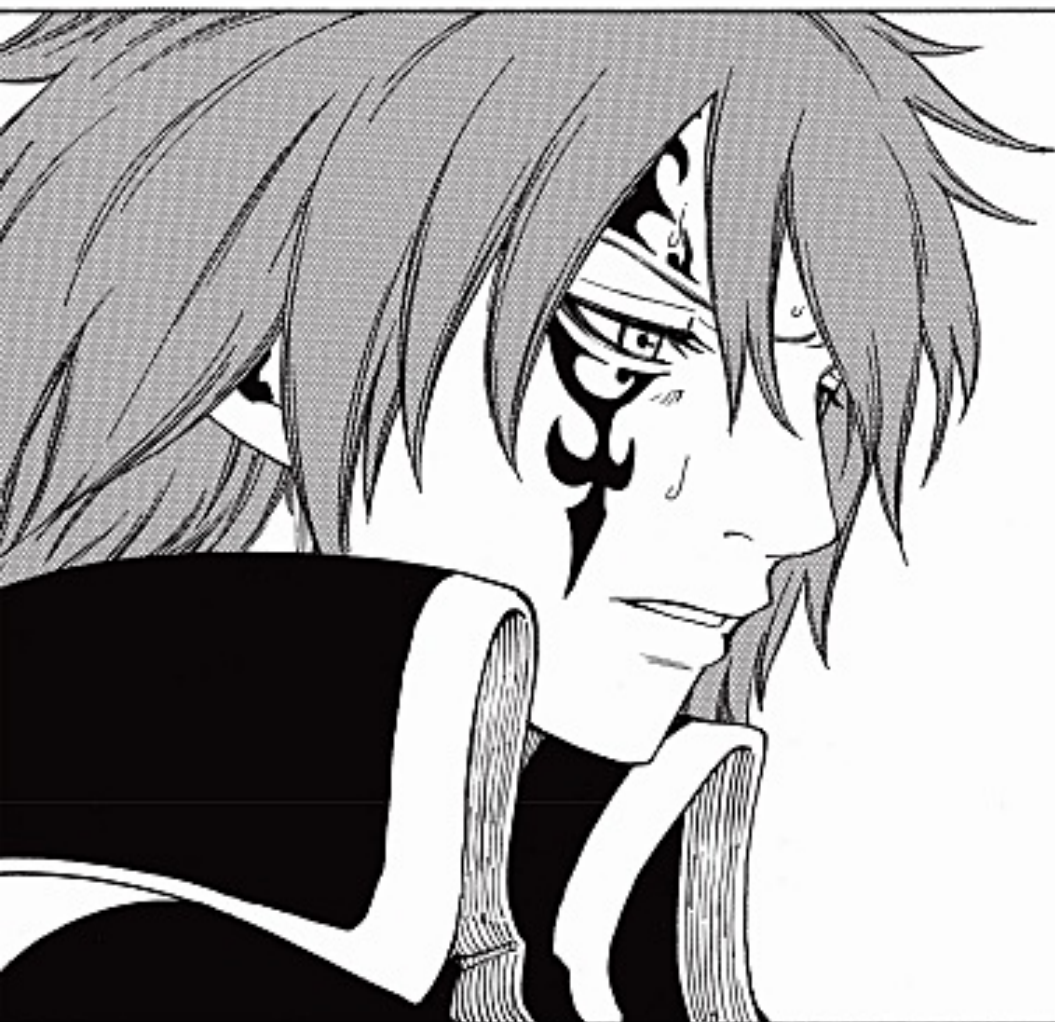






Something  
that should  
never fall  
into others'  
hands.

It's a very  
dangerous  
magic.



**The only way  
to destroy it  
was to first  
break its  
seal.**



You say it's  
to *destroy*  
Nirvana?

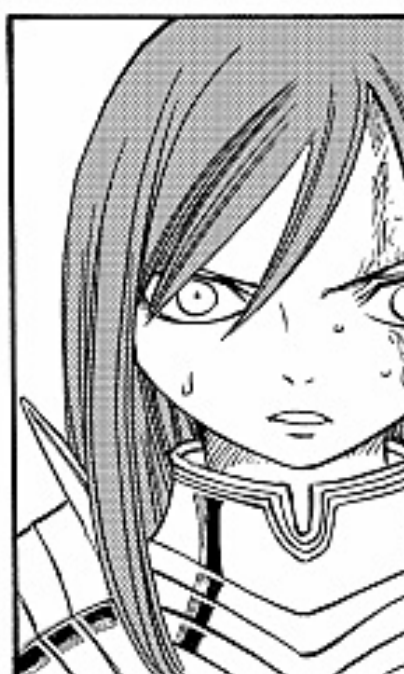
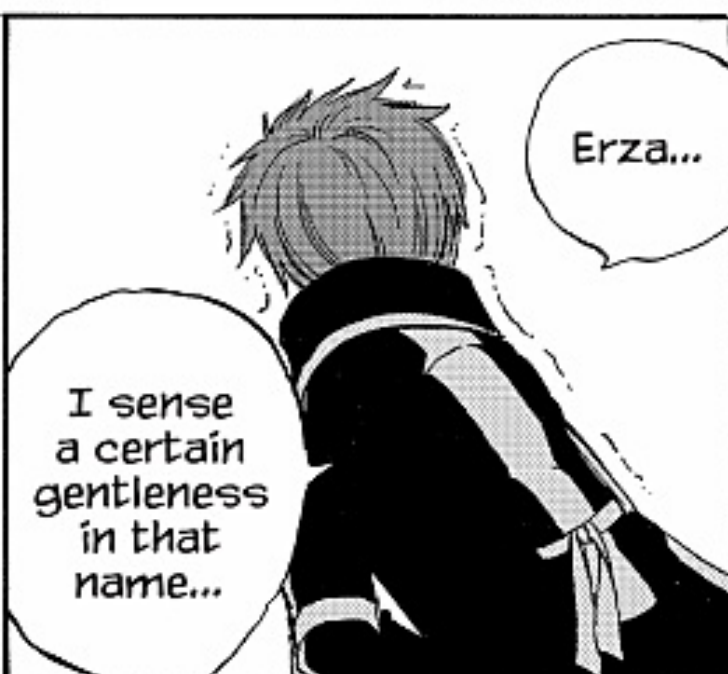
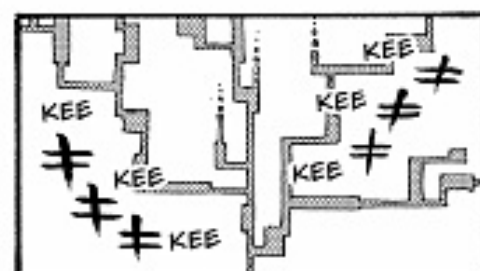
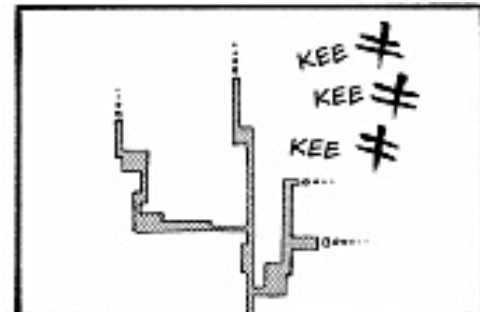


**Wha...  
!!!?**

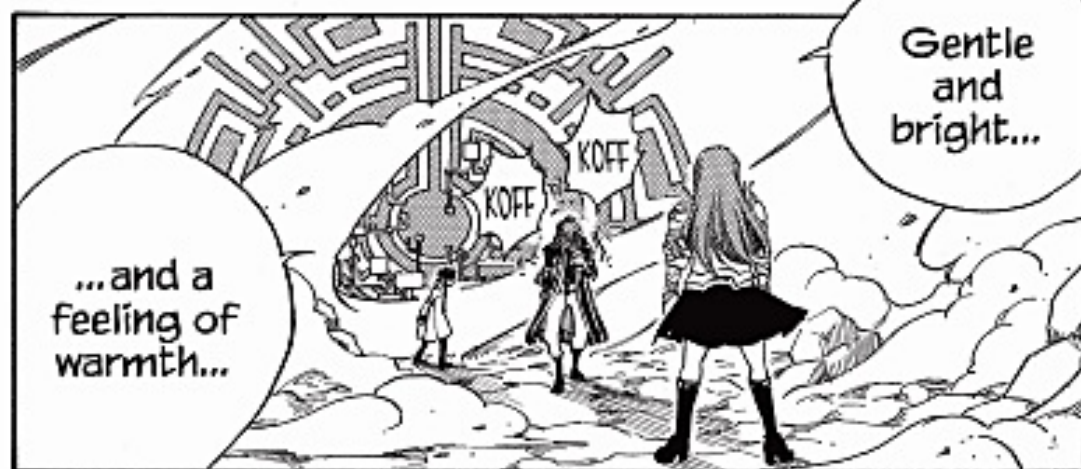




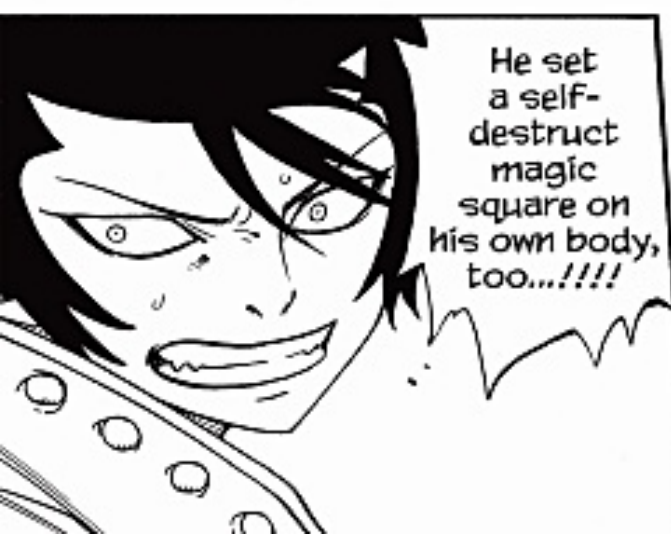
















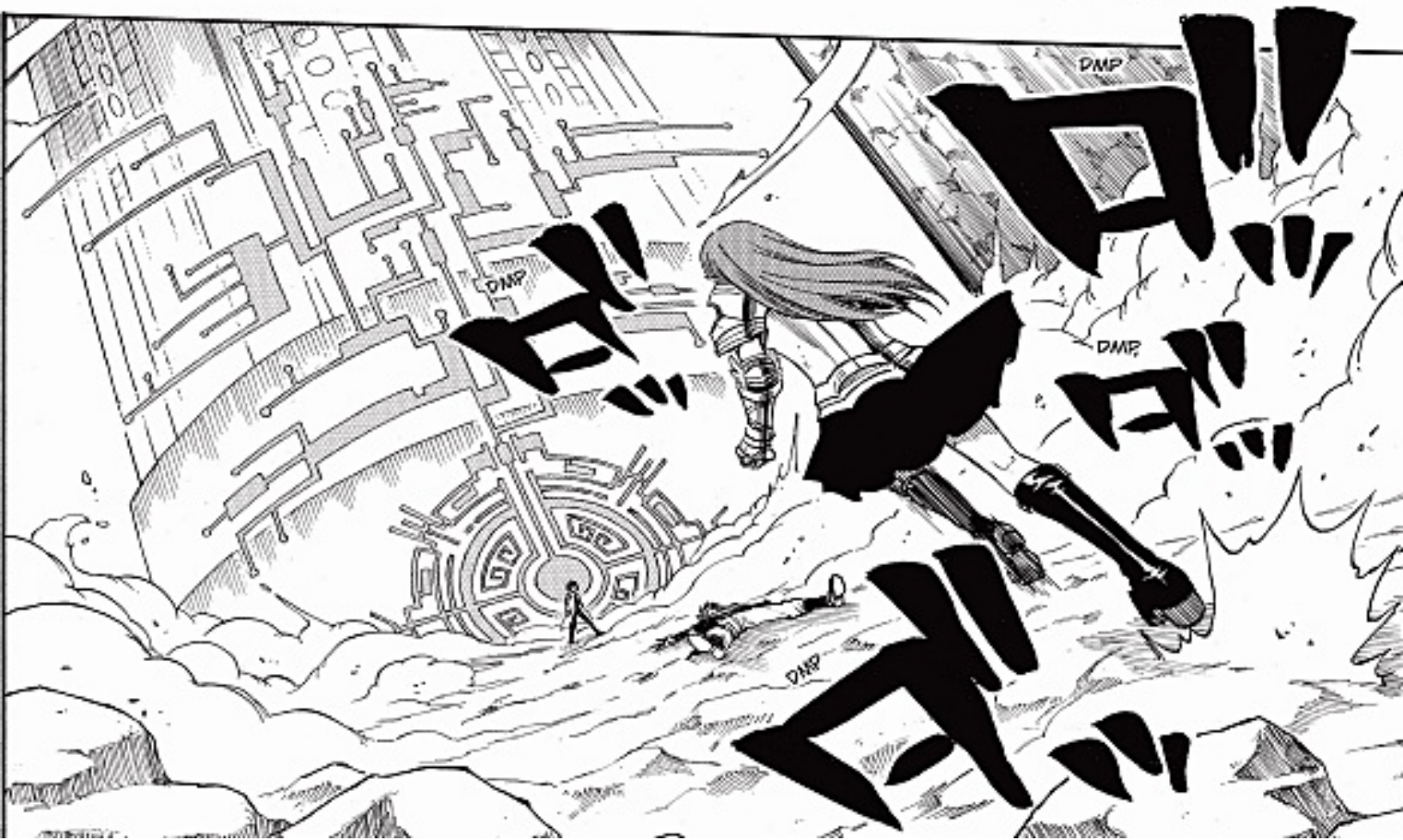
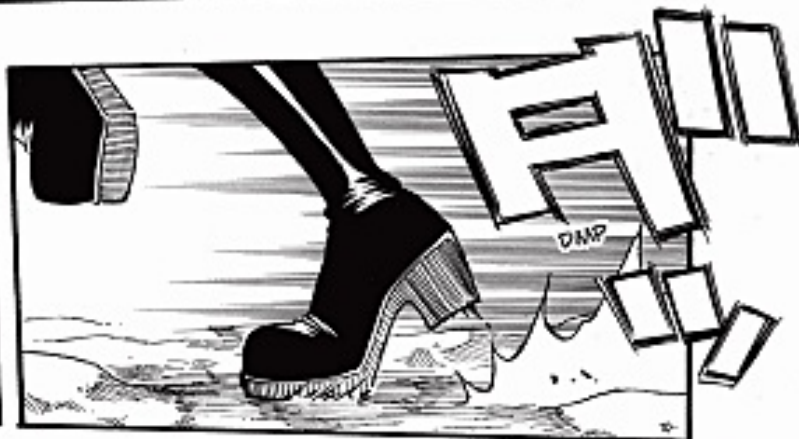




## Chapter 147: Guild of Hope



**Jell-  
aaal  
!!!**





*Does he think he can take the shut-off code to the magic square with him to the grave?!*



KEE  
KEE  
KEE  
KEE

KEE  
KEE  
KEE

GRAP  
ZUN



**You have crimes to pay for!!!!**

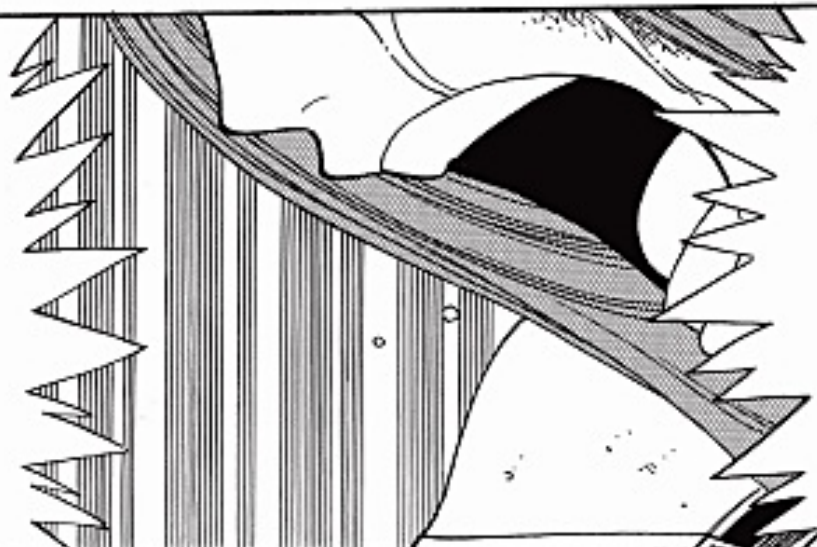


**I will not allow you to die like this!!!!**



**I WILL NOT ALLOW IT!!!!**

**Don't imagine that you can go without paying the penalty for the people you've hurt!!!!**



**Remember them!!!! Don't even think you can rest in peace not knowing anything of your crimes!!!!**













*A Square  
of Self-  
Destruction*  
...

ORACIÓN SEIS  
**BRAIN**





At one time,  
I worked at  
the Ministry  
of Magical  
Development.



Perhaps you  
know why my  
code name is  
another word for  
the mind.

You may  
relax,  
Cobra.

During  
that period, I  
personally developed  
several hundred  
different magics,  
and I still hold that  
knowledge.

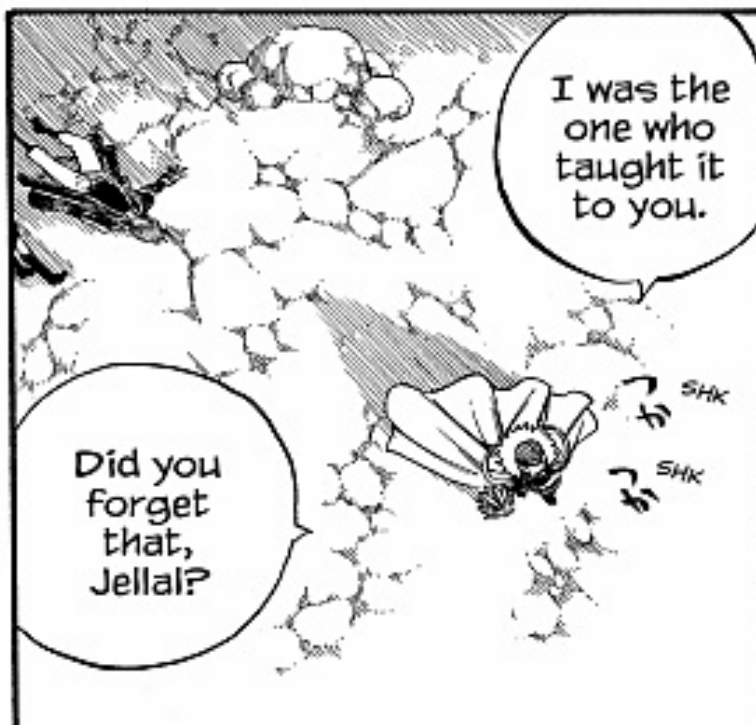
One of  
those magics  
is the Square  
of Self-  
Destruction.

I was the  
one who  
taught it  
to you.

Did you  
forget  
that,  
Jellal?

I have no  
need of  
a cancel  
code.

WHOOSH











**I  
claim  
Nirvana  
for  
myself  
!!!!**

**Ah ha ha  
ha ha!!!!  
How  
pitiful of  
you,  
Jellal!!!!**

He  
doesn't even  
remember  
the evil that  
he did.

The  
ethernanos  
made his  
memory  
unstable.

What...?  
That's  
laugh-  
able...



**Awaken!!  
Nirvana!!!**



**That  
will  
never  
happen  
!!!!**



**Erza  
!!!!**

**GWAARR**

**!!!**

**DOOM**





**REVEAL  
YOUR  
TRUE  
FORM  
!!!!**

I can hear  
it!!!! This is  
our future!!!!  
The sound of  
the extinction  
of light!!!!



**Ohhhhhh  
!!!!**

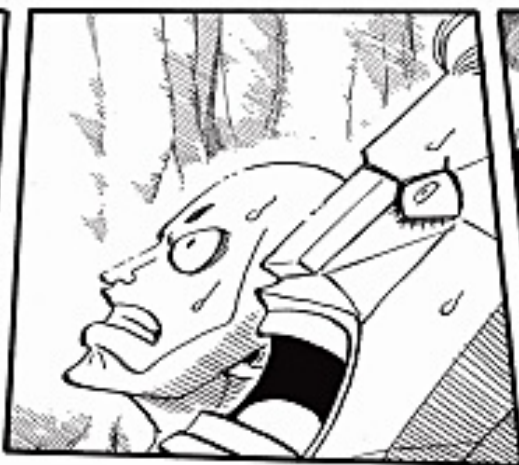
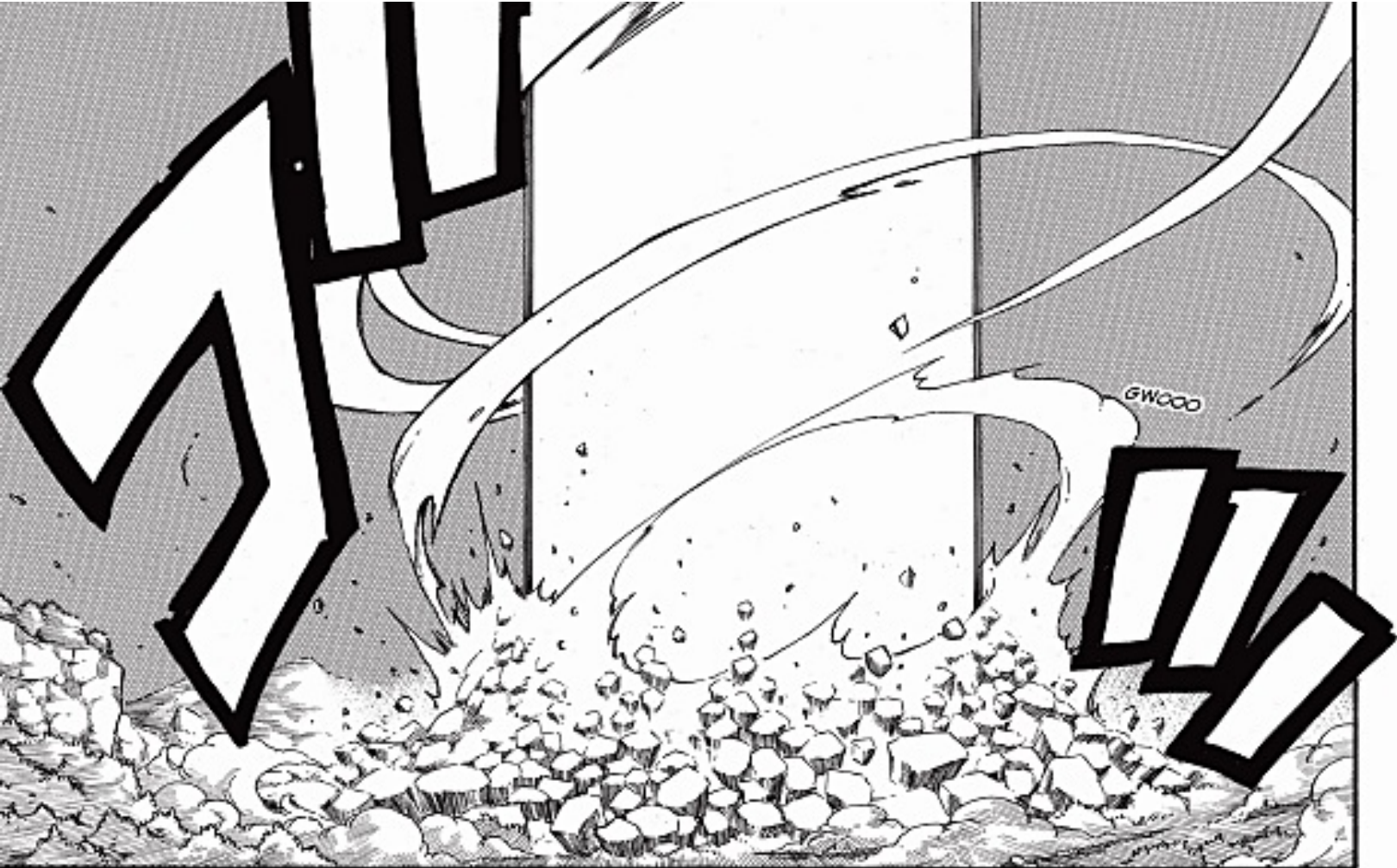


**Jellal  
!!!**

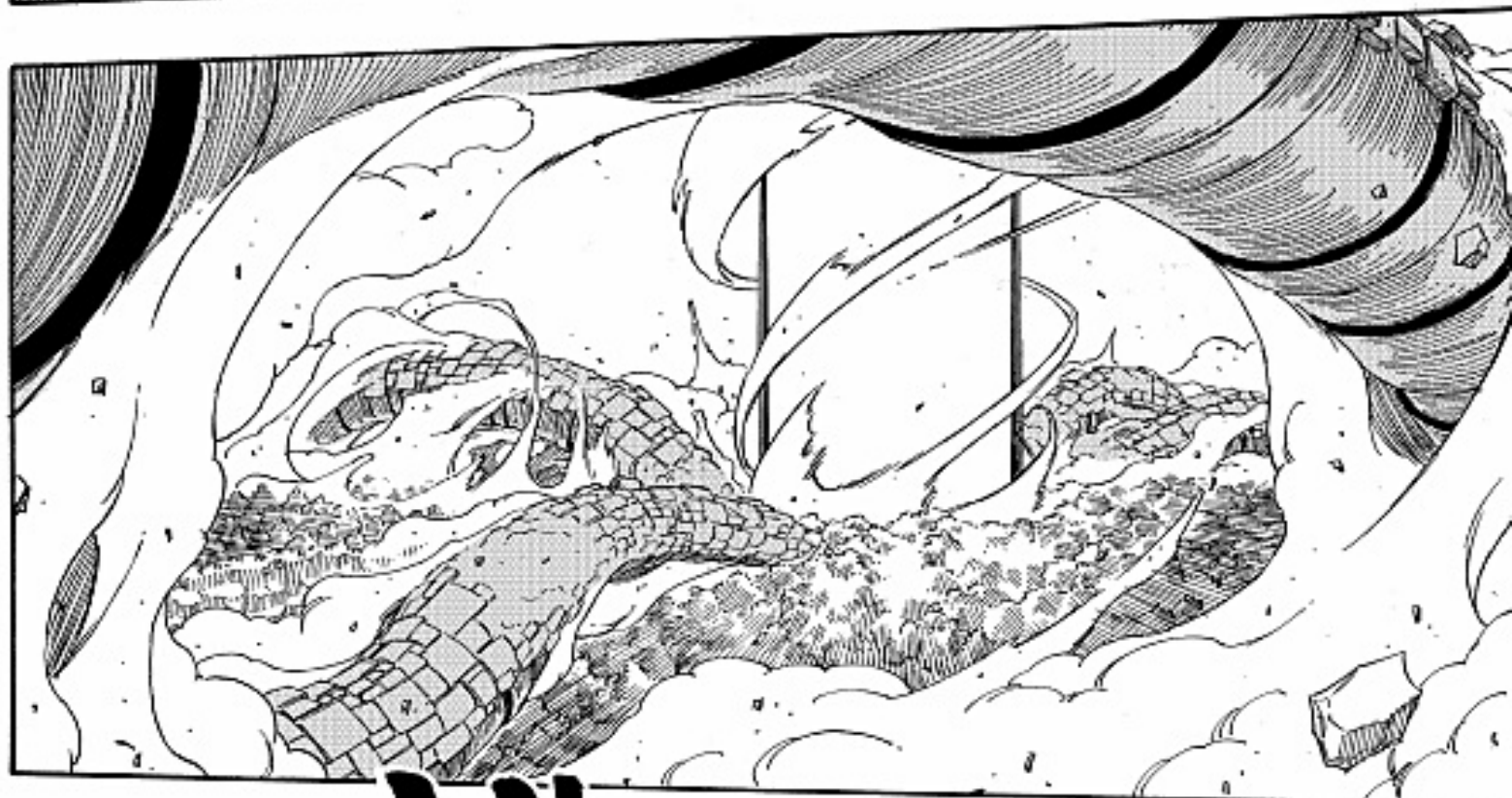
**Erza  
!!!**











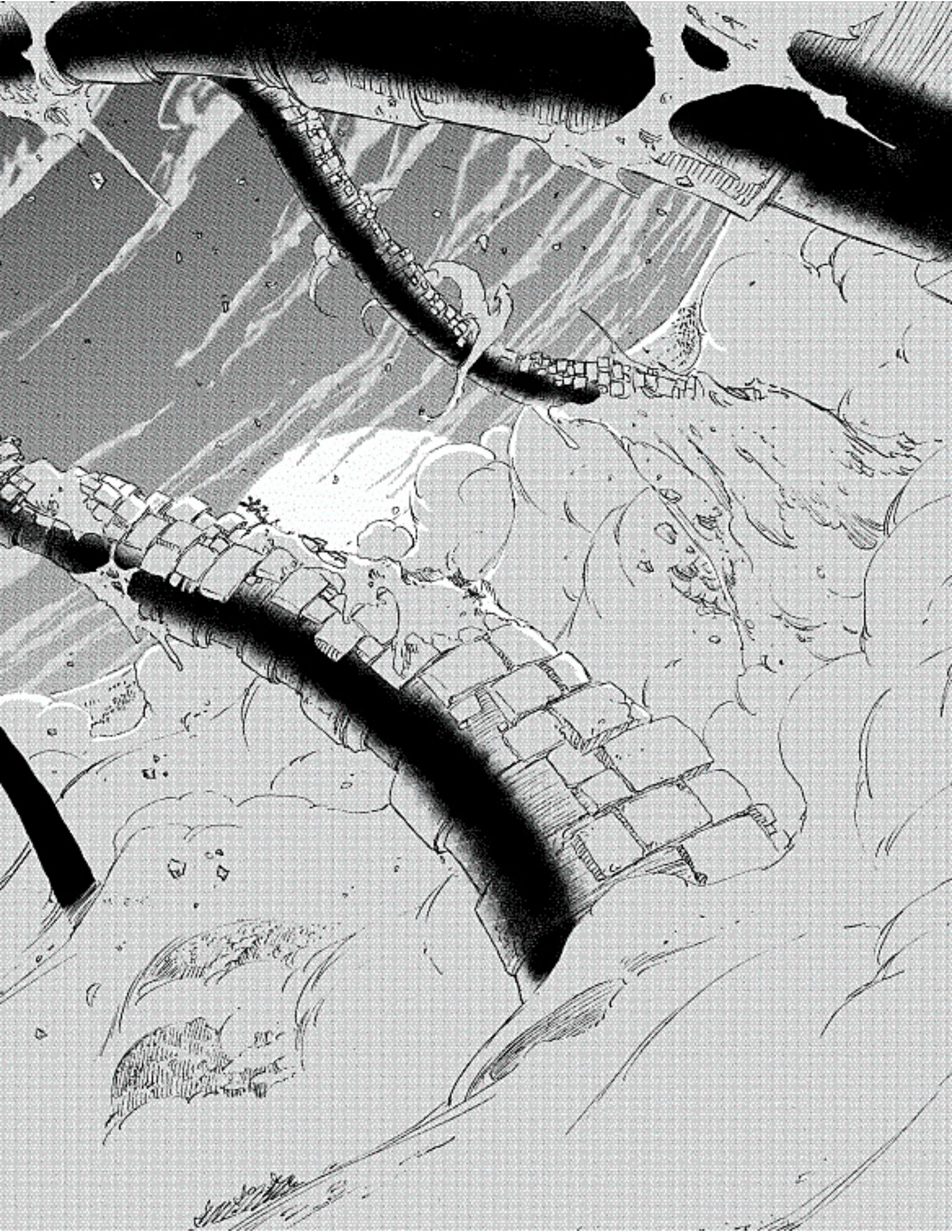














**The  
ultimate  
weapon in the  
Extinction of  
Light!**

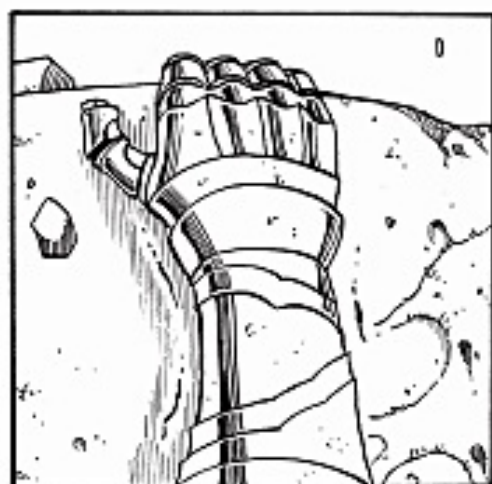
**Hyper-  
Reversal  
Magic,  
Nirvana!!!!**

**Finally  
...!!!**

**Finally,  
it is  
mine  
!!!!**

**And  
now...  
they will be  
rendered  
useless!!!!**

**Trust and soli-  
darity are the  
official guilds'  
greatest  
weapons...**











Carla!!!  
We're  
going that  
way!!!



*Go  
on...  
Fairy  
Tail!*

None of  
*us* have  
given up!



Hang on  
tight!!!



Yes!!!

*If anyone  
can stop  
it, you  
can!*









**Our hopes  
are all tied  
together!**

うおおおお  
LWOOOH!

Once I'm  
at the top,  
I'm punching  
this thing's  
lights out!

By the way,  
what's with  
the match-  
ing out-  
fits?

How  
should I  
know?!!

へたへ  
SLUMP

Jellal!

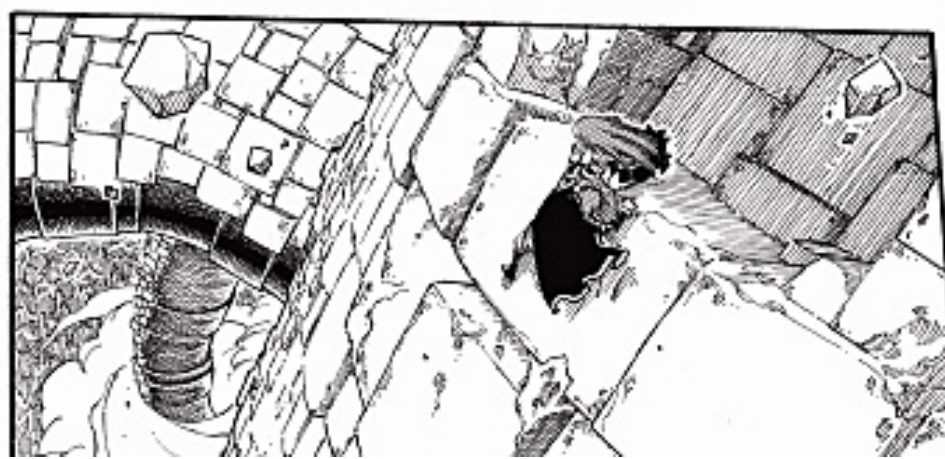
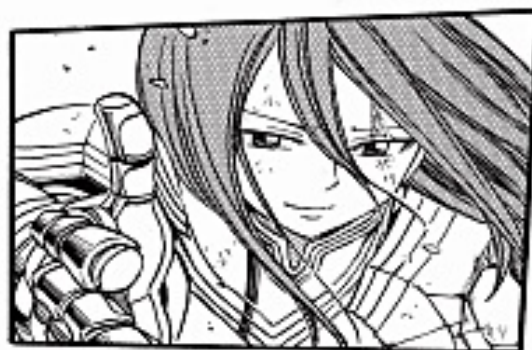
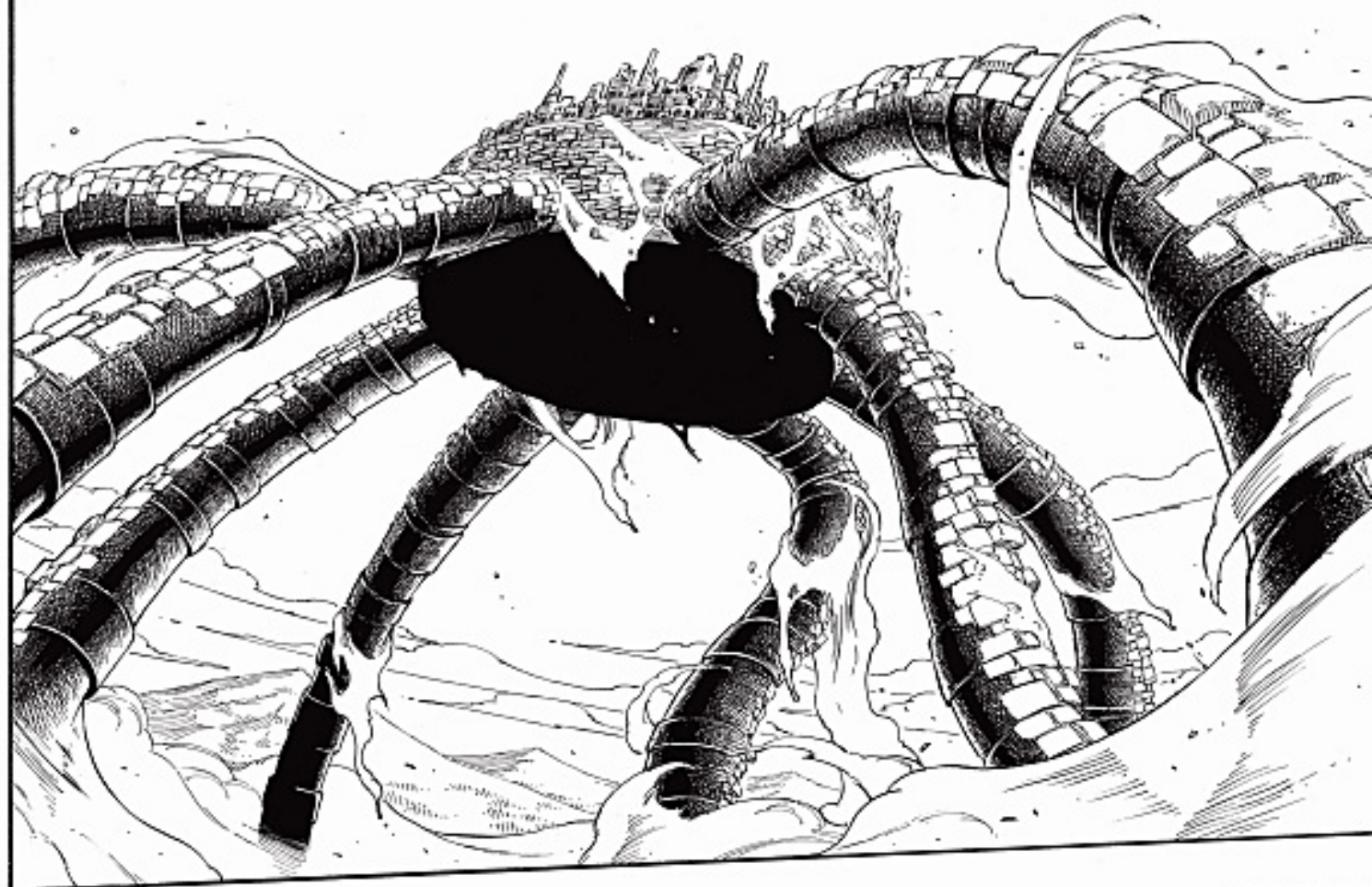
Live and find  
out what  
happens  
next.



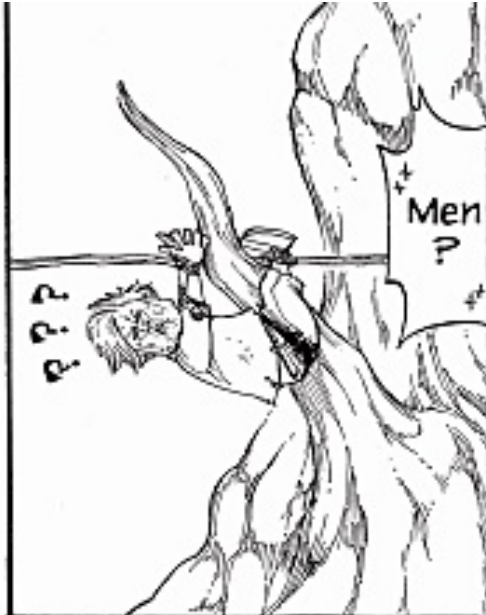


## **Chapter 148: March of Destruction**







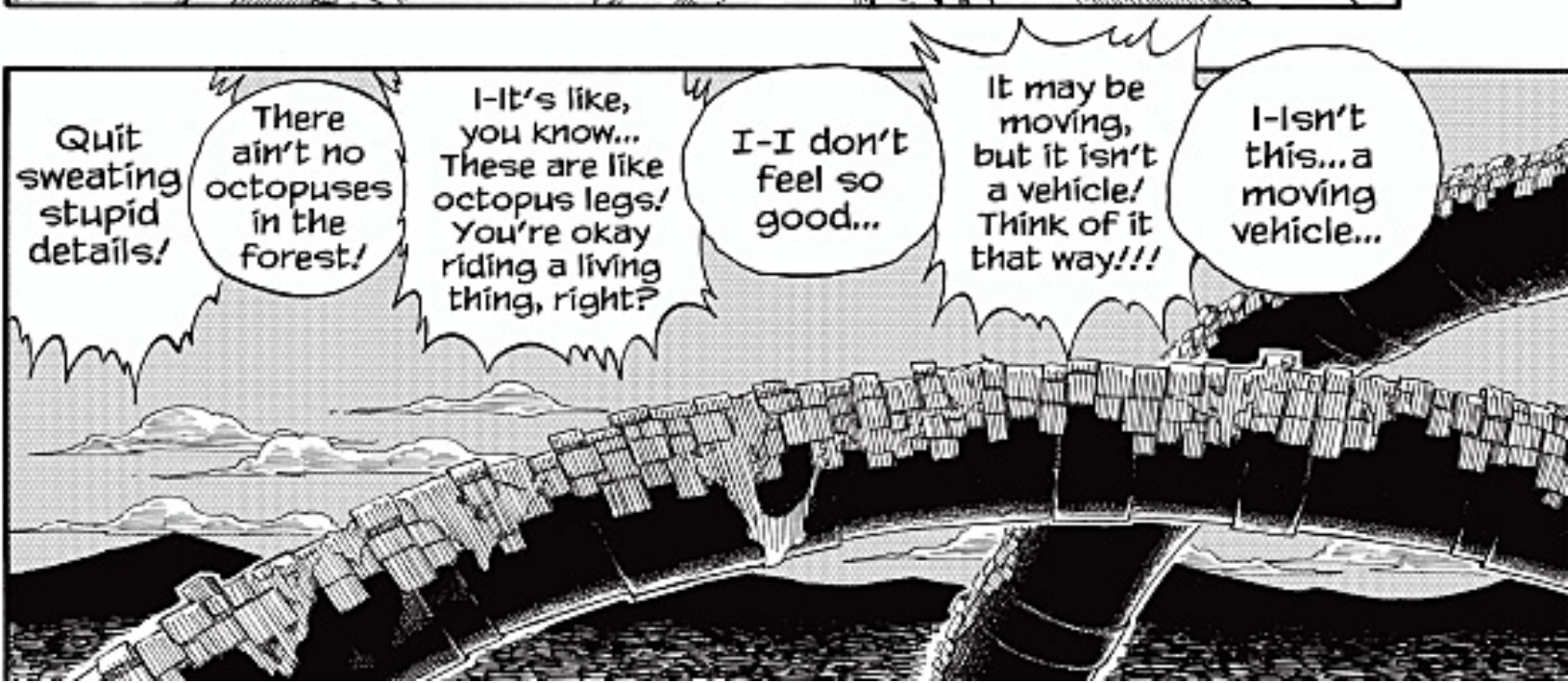






Hey!!!  
Snap out  
of it!!

What  
are you  
doing,  
Natsu?!



Quit  
sweating  
stupid  
details!

There  
ain't no  
octopuses  
in the  
forest!

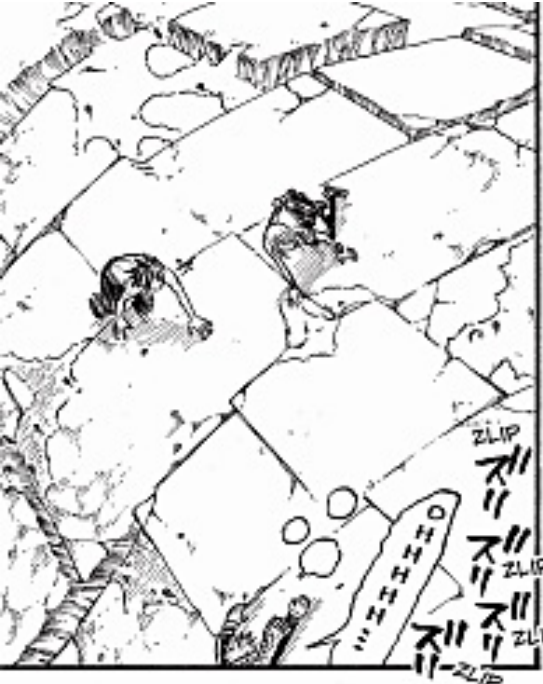
I-It's like,  
you know...  
These are like  
octopus legs!  
You're okay  
riding a living  
thing, right?

I-I don't  
feel so  
good...

It may be  
moving,  
but it isn't  
a vehicle!  
Think of it  
that way!!!

I-Isn't  
this...a  
moving  
vehicle...









It feels good  
to ride the  
wind with me,  
right?

How  
about it,  
Natsu?



You're  
a hero!

You're  
just way  
too...  
cool...



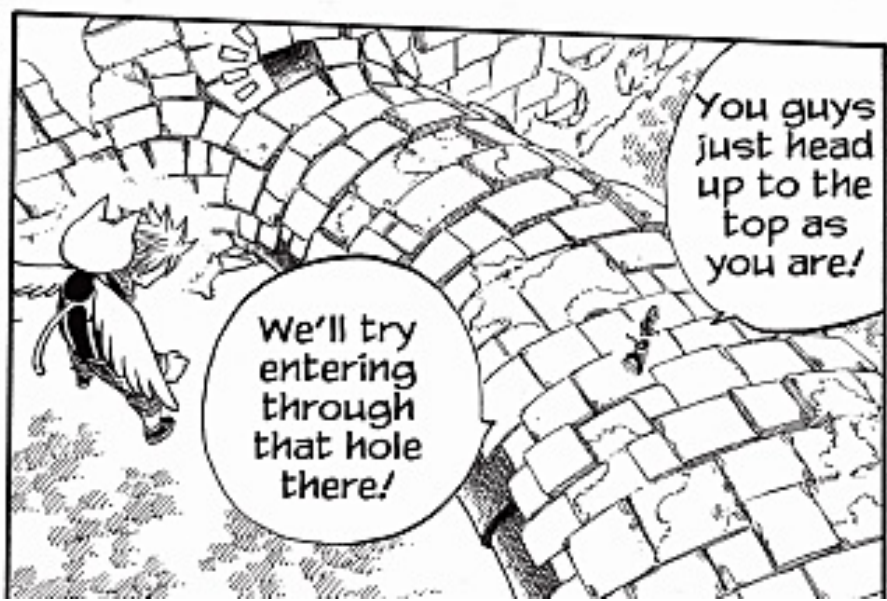
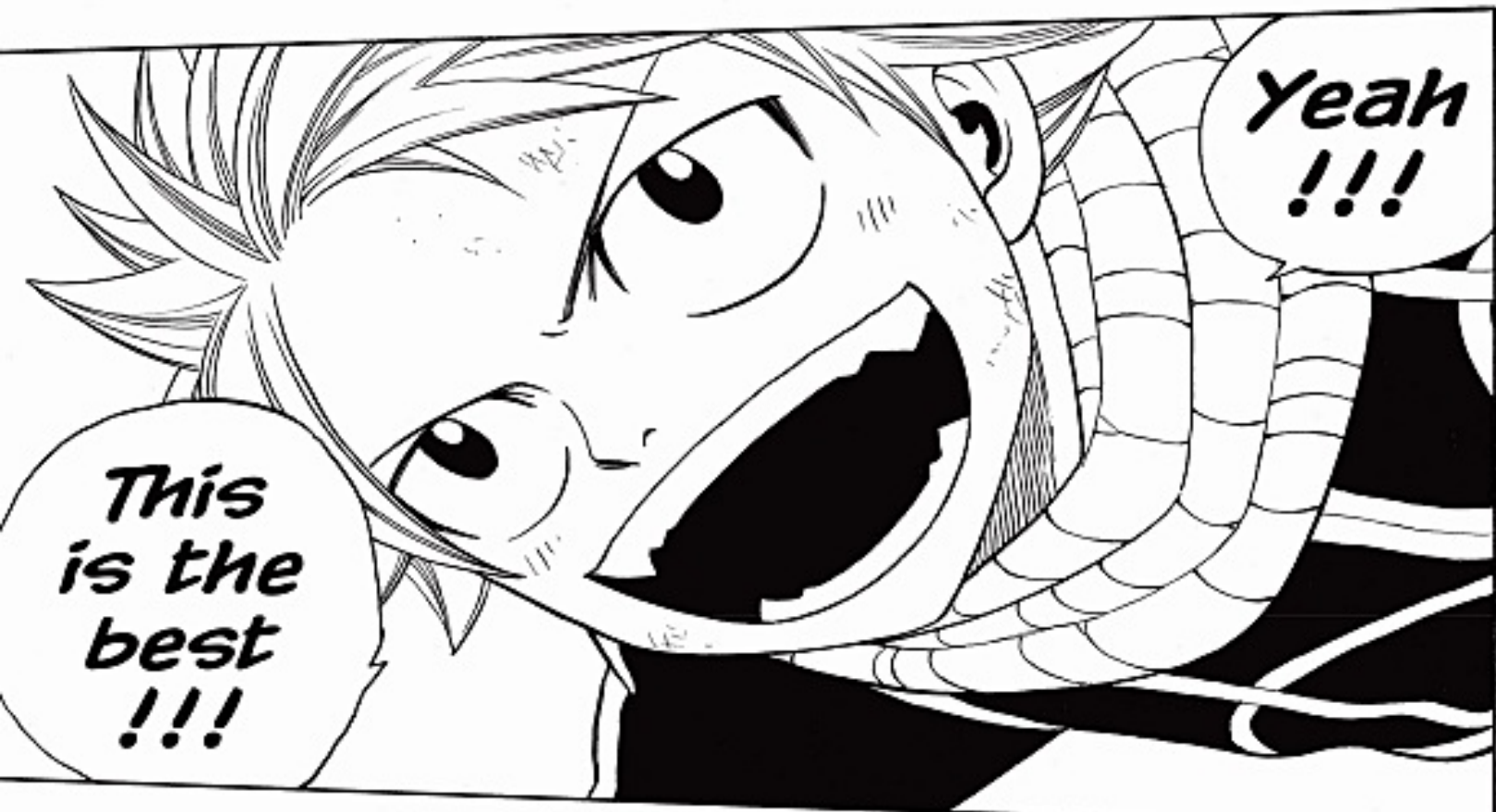
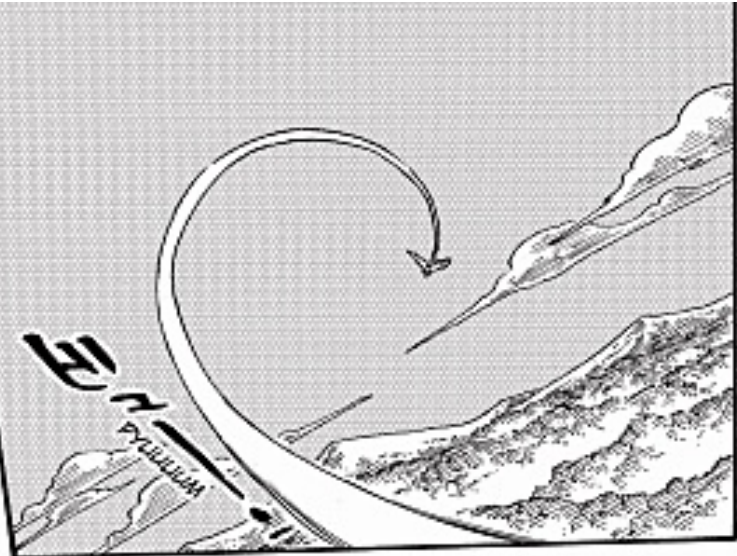
Happy  
!!

Phew!

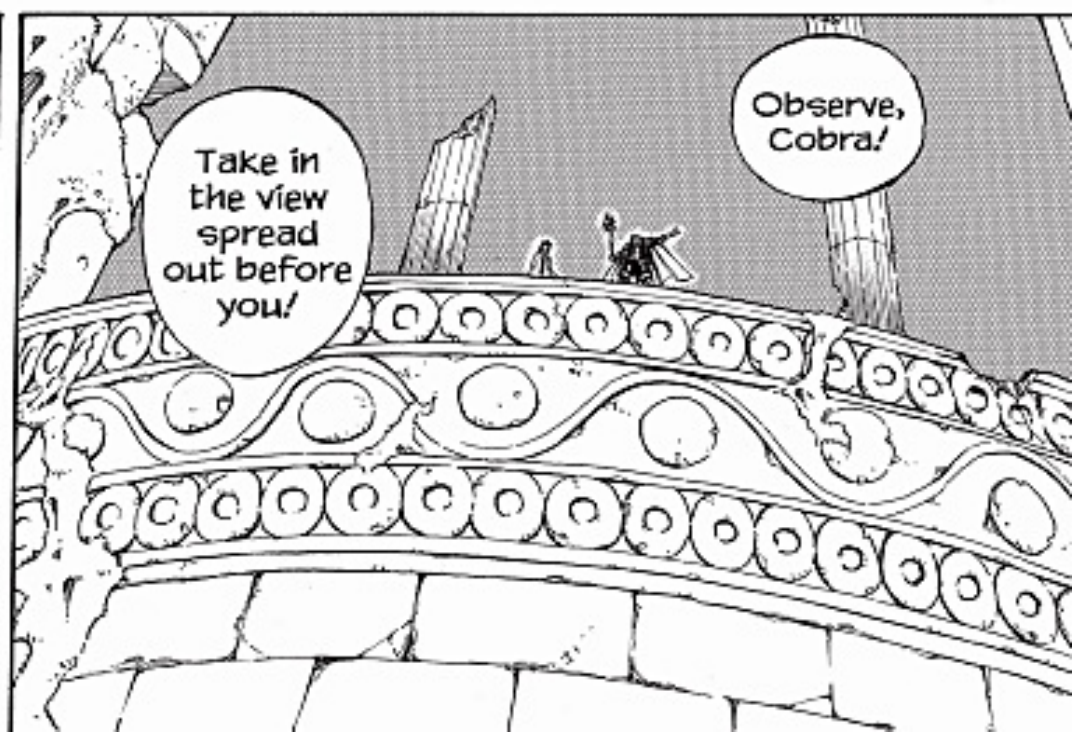
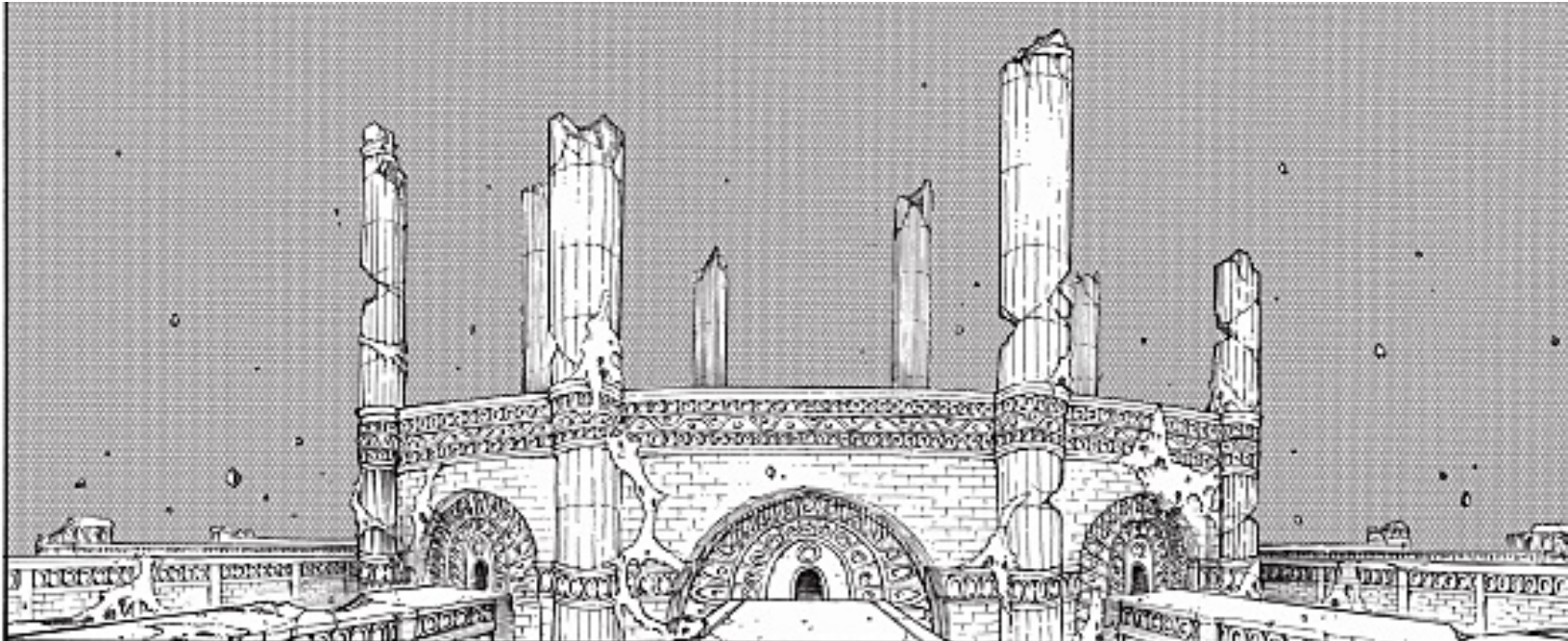


Aye  
!!!

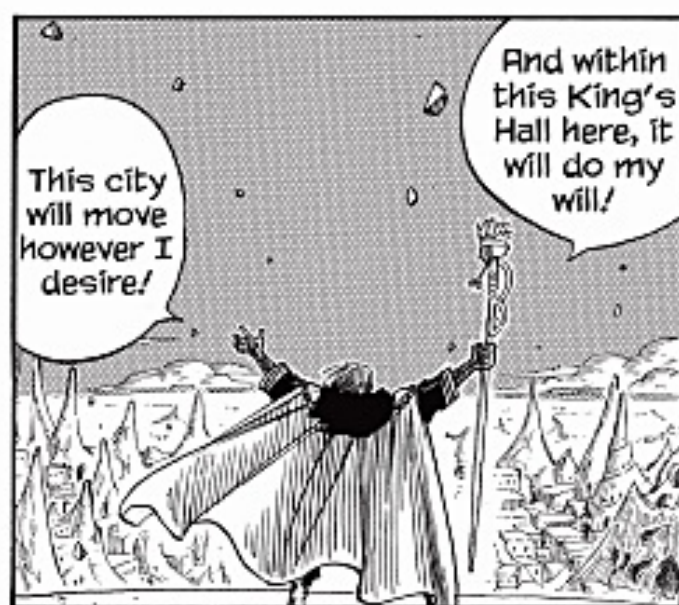
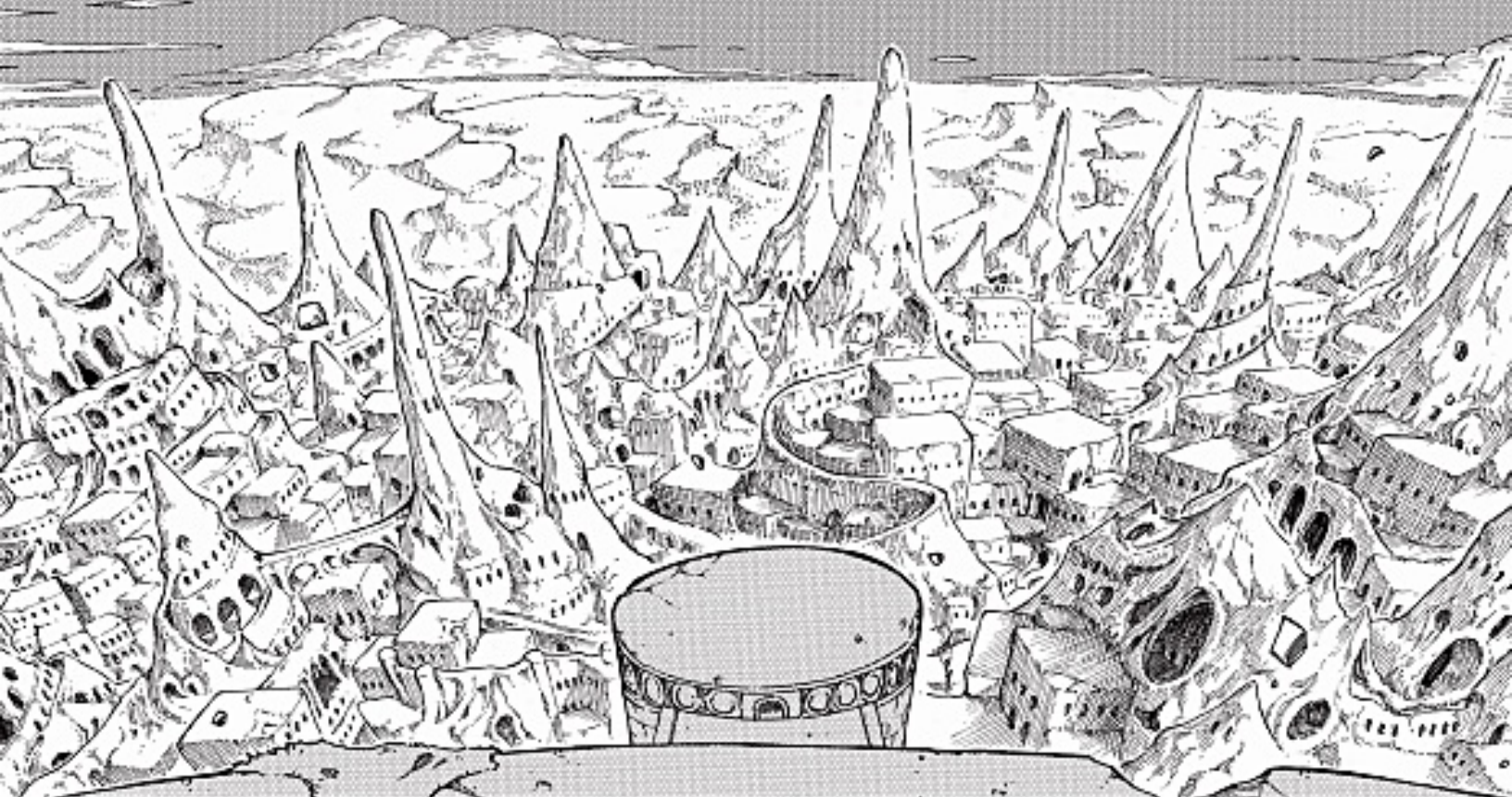




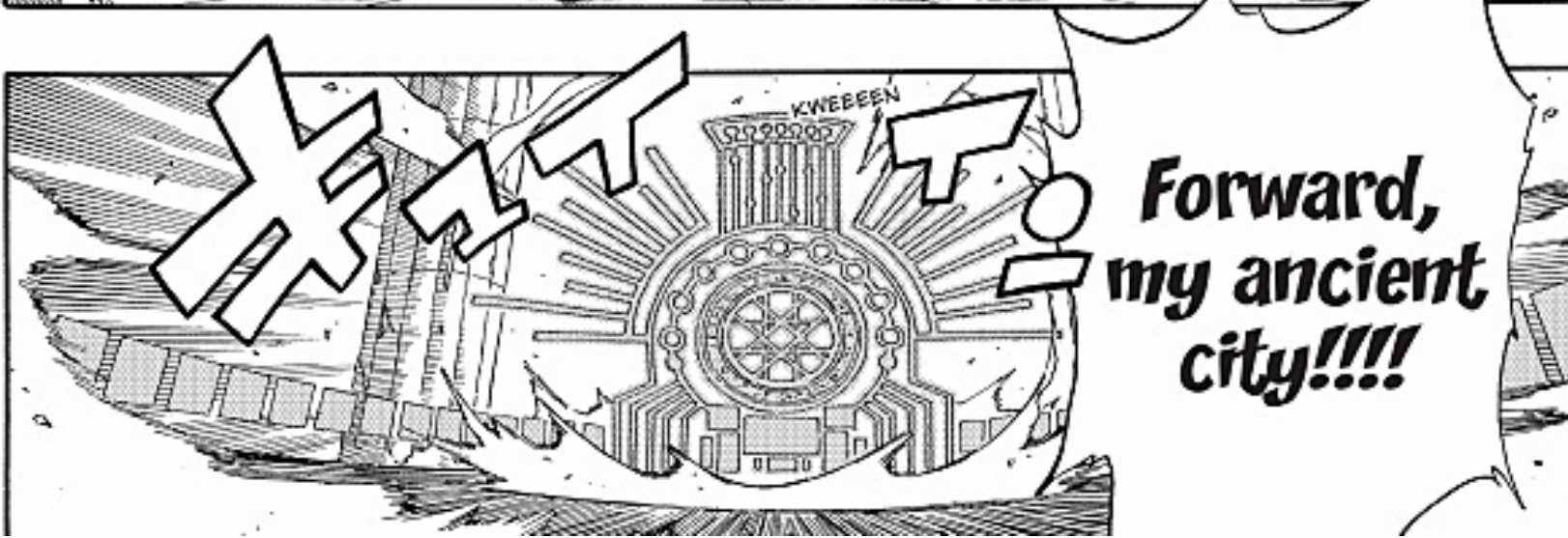














And turn  
our dark-  
ness into  
light!!!!









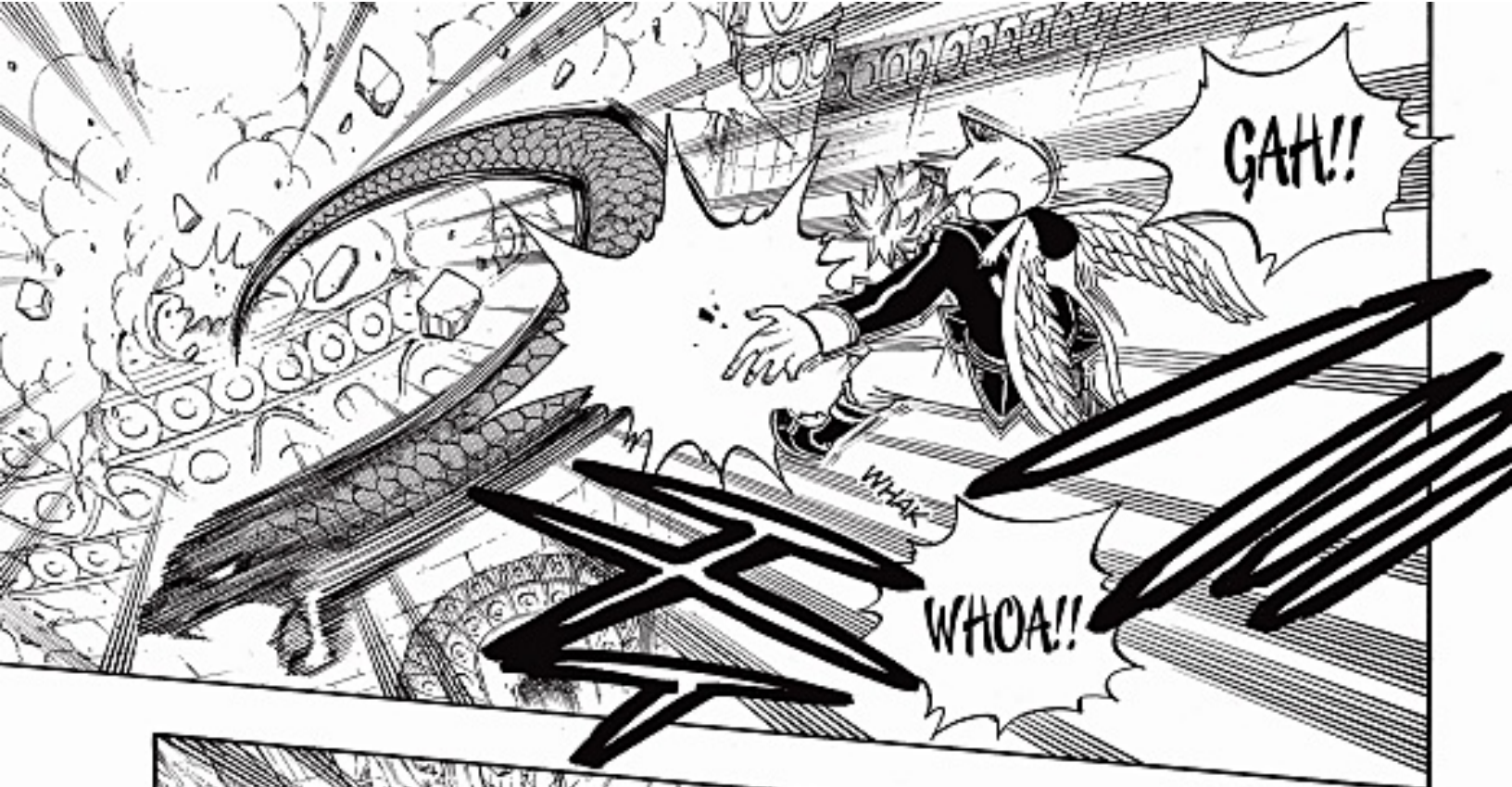


**I'M  
GONNA  
STOP  
YOUUUU  
!!!!**

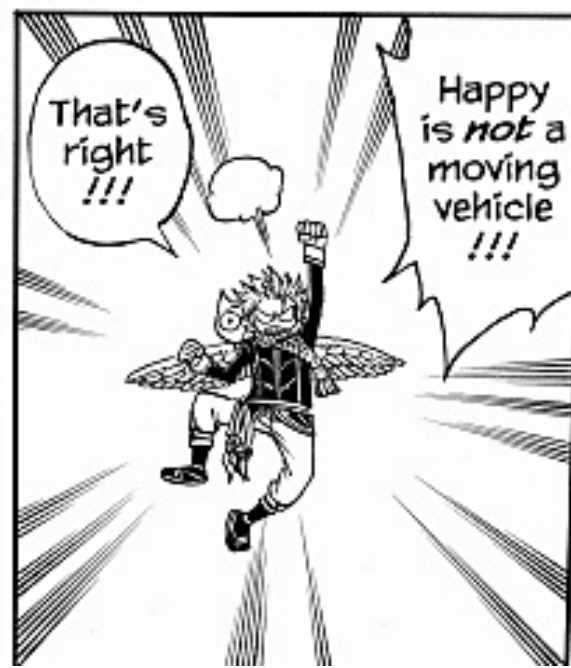










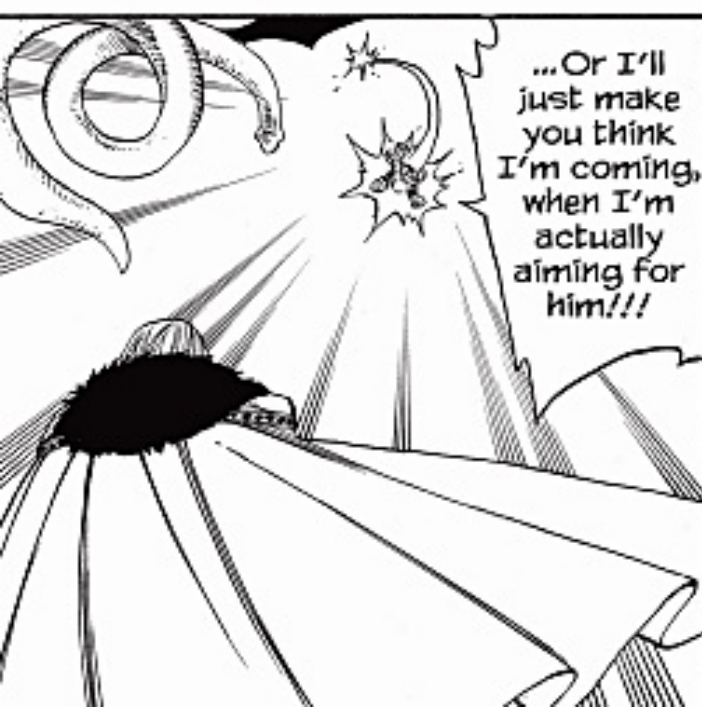
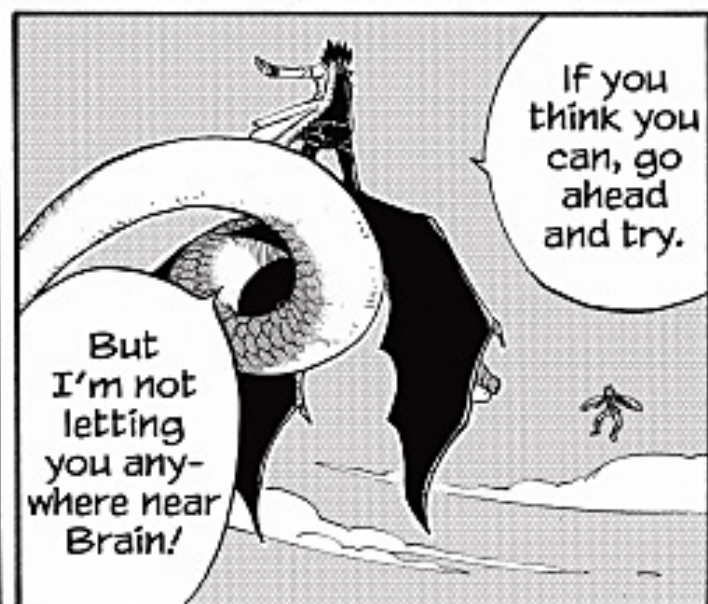


Happy  
is *not* a  
moving  
vehicle  
!!!

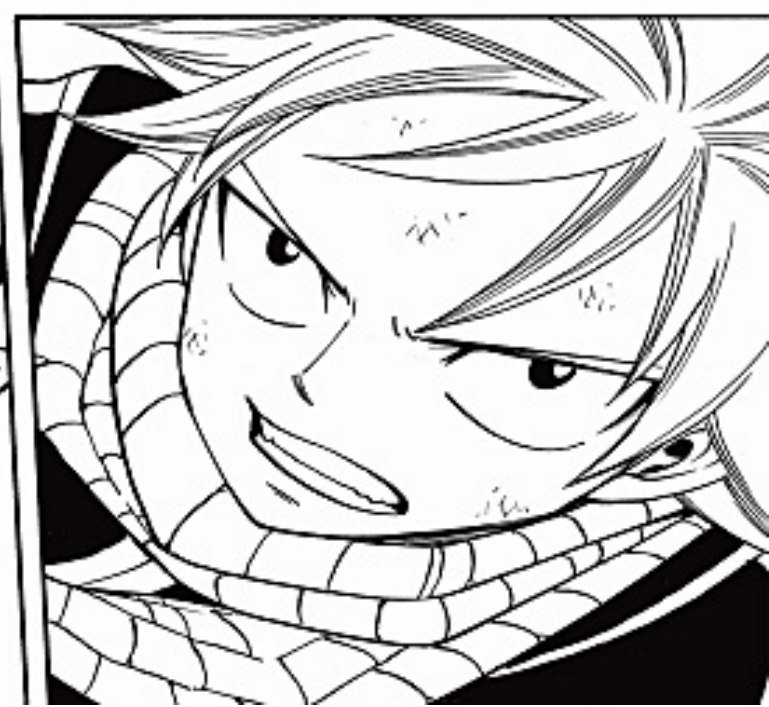
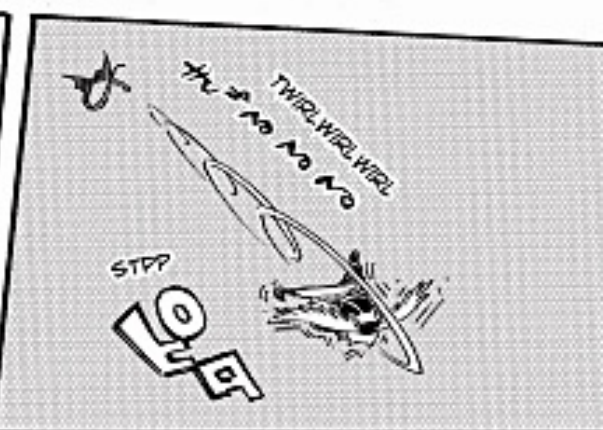
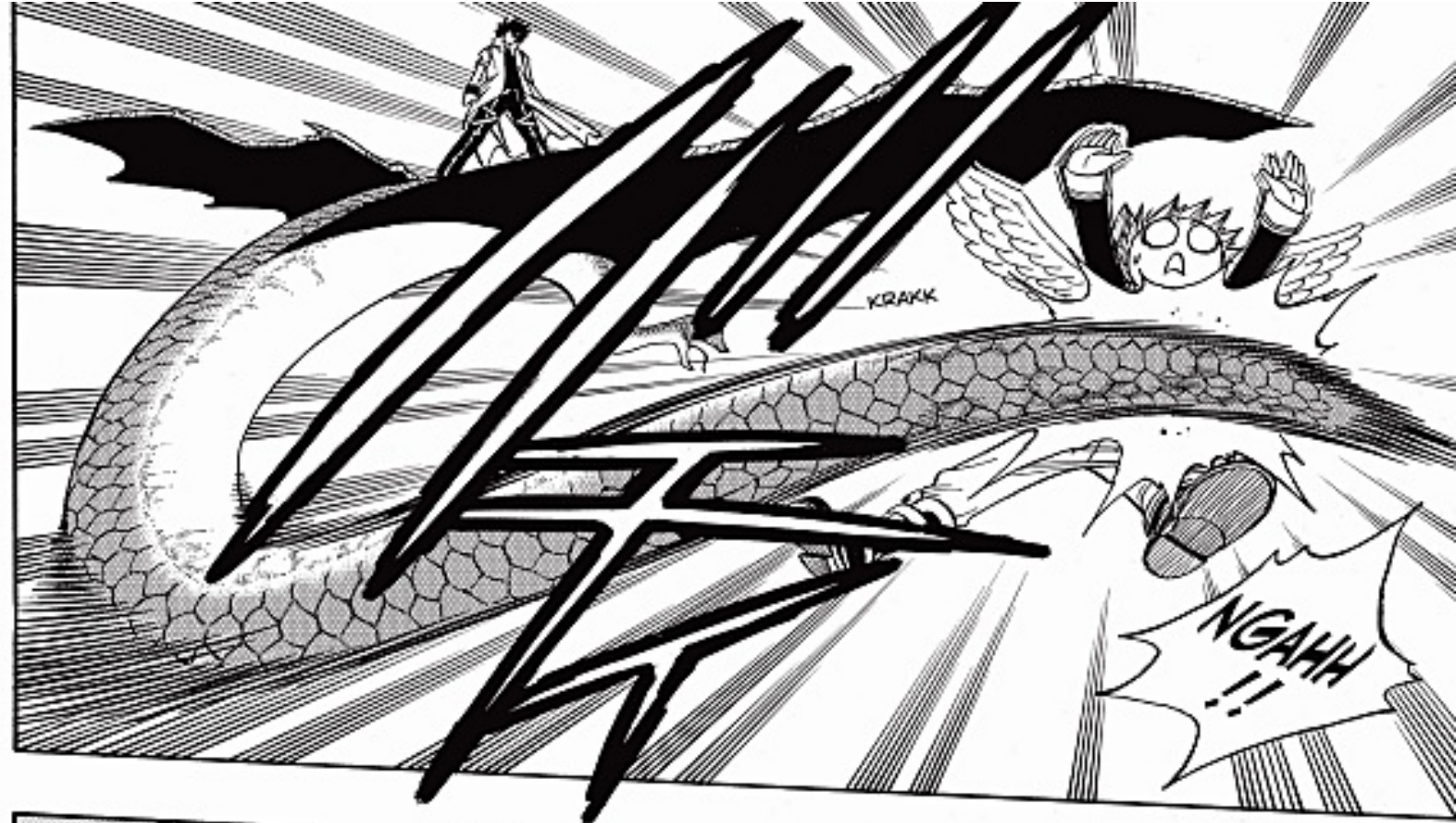


Whaa  
?!!

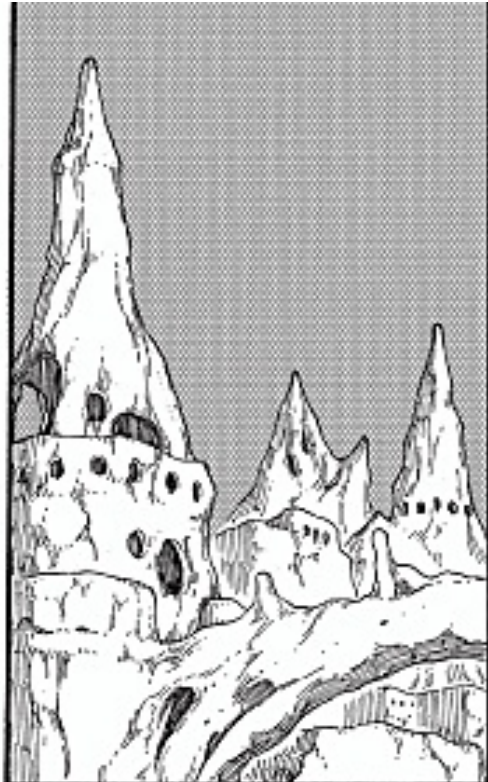




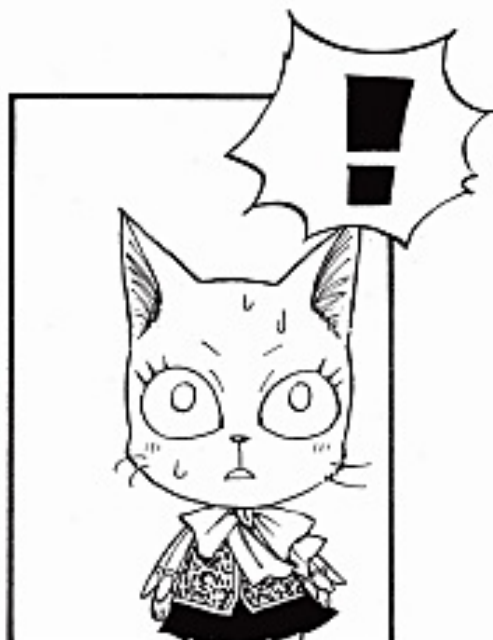














# FAIRY TAIL





## Chapter 149: The Super Aerial Battle!! Natsu vs. Cobra



Dammit!  
He's in the way!

Well, when  
we're a team,  
nobody can  
beat us,  
Natsu!



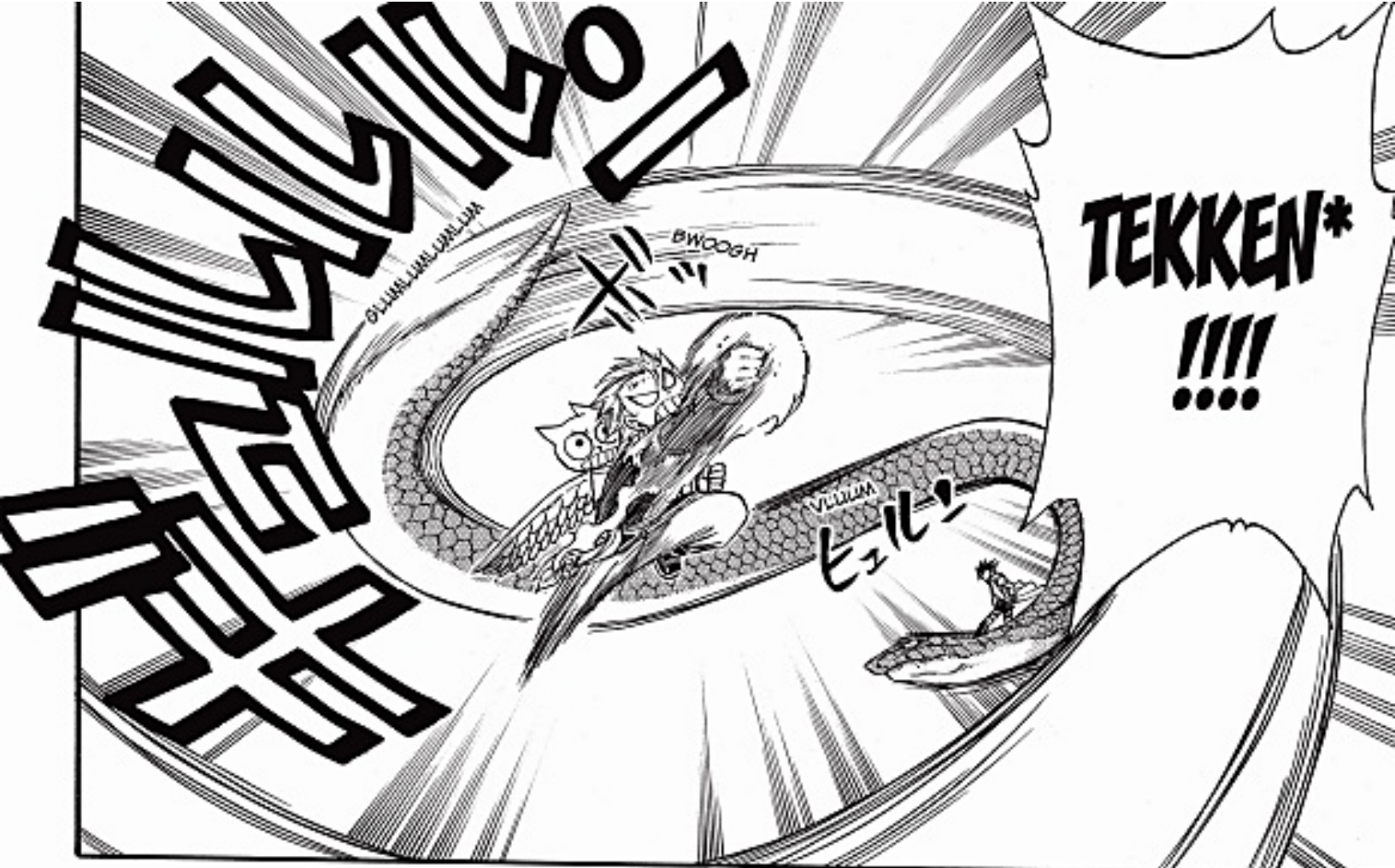
Heh  
heh  
heh...

Cobra,  
finish them  
off.

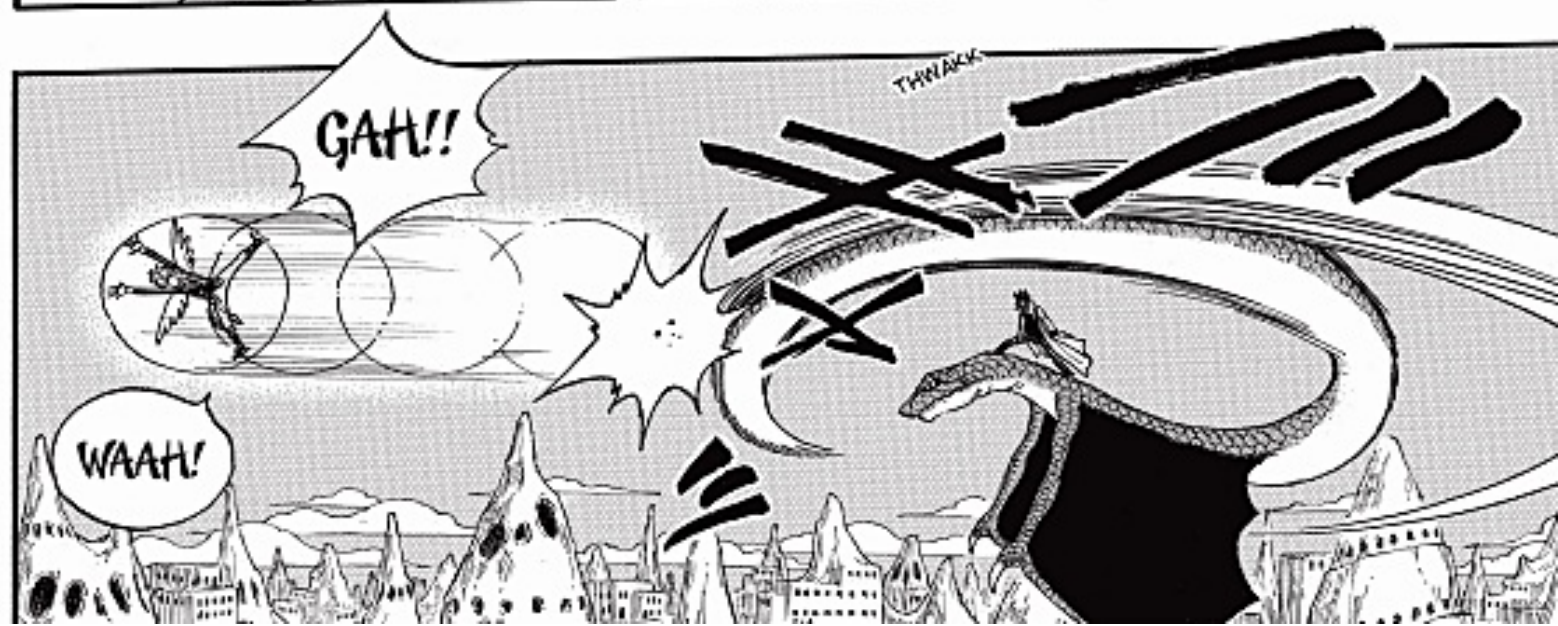




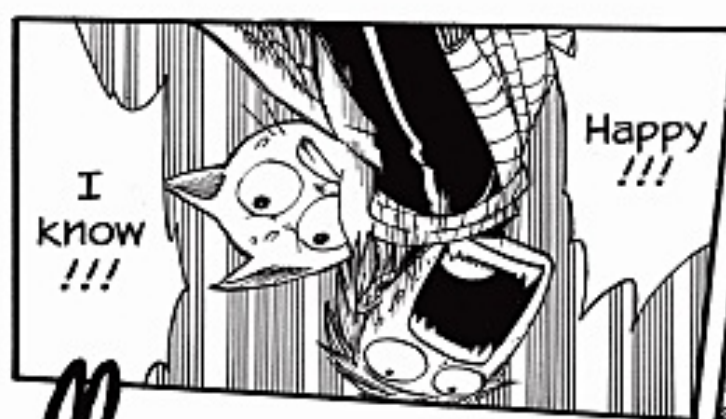




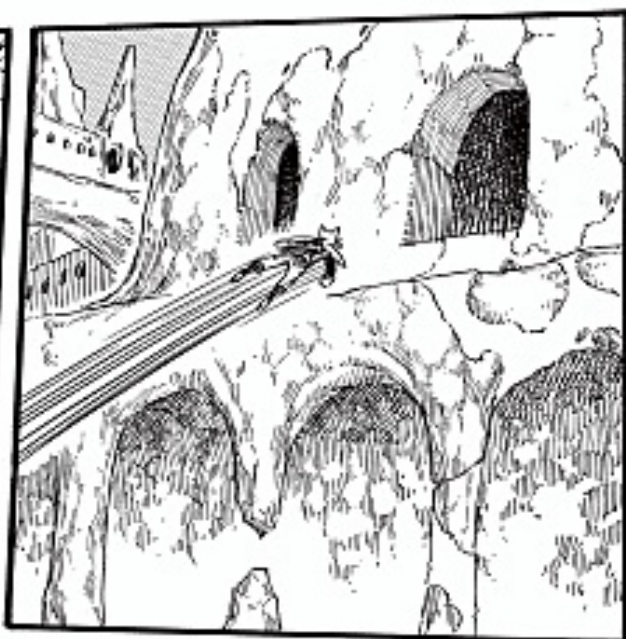
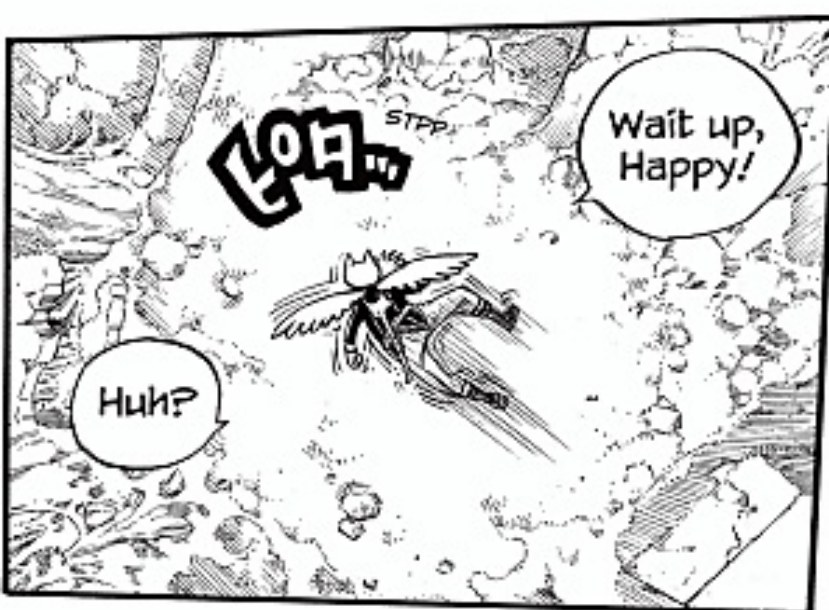
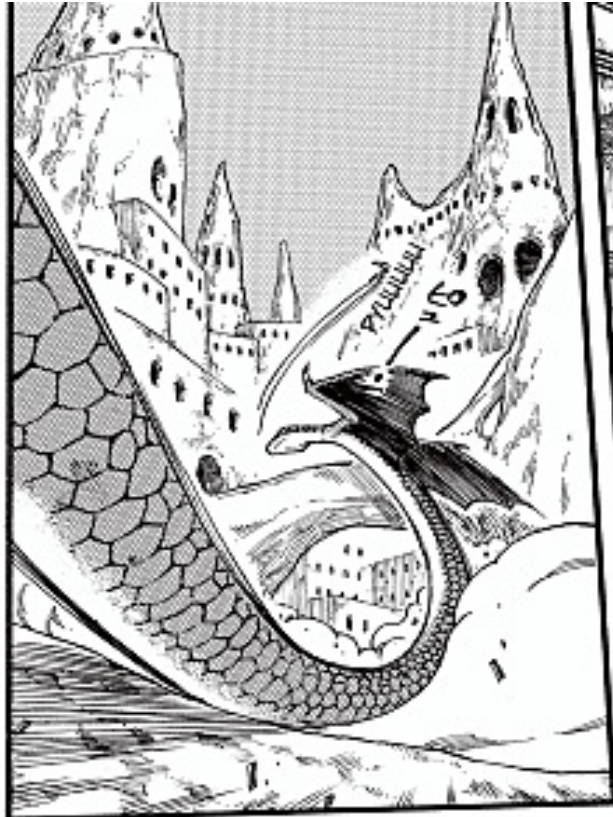
\*Iron Fist!!!



















It's like  
a city,  
huh?

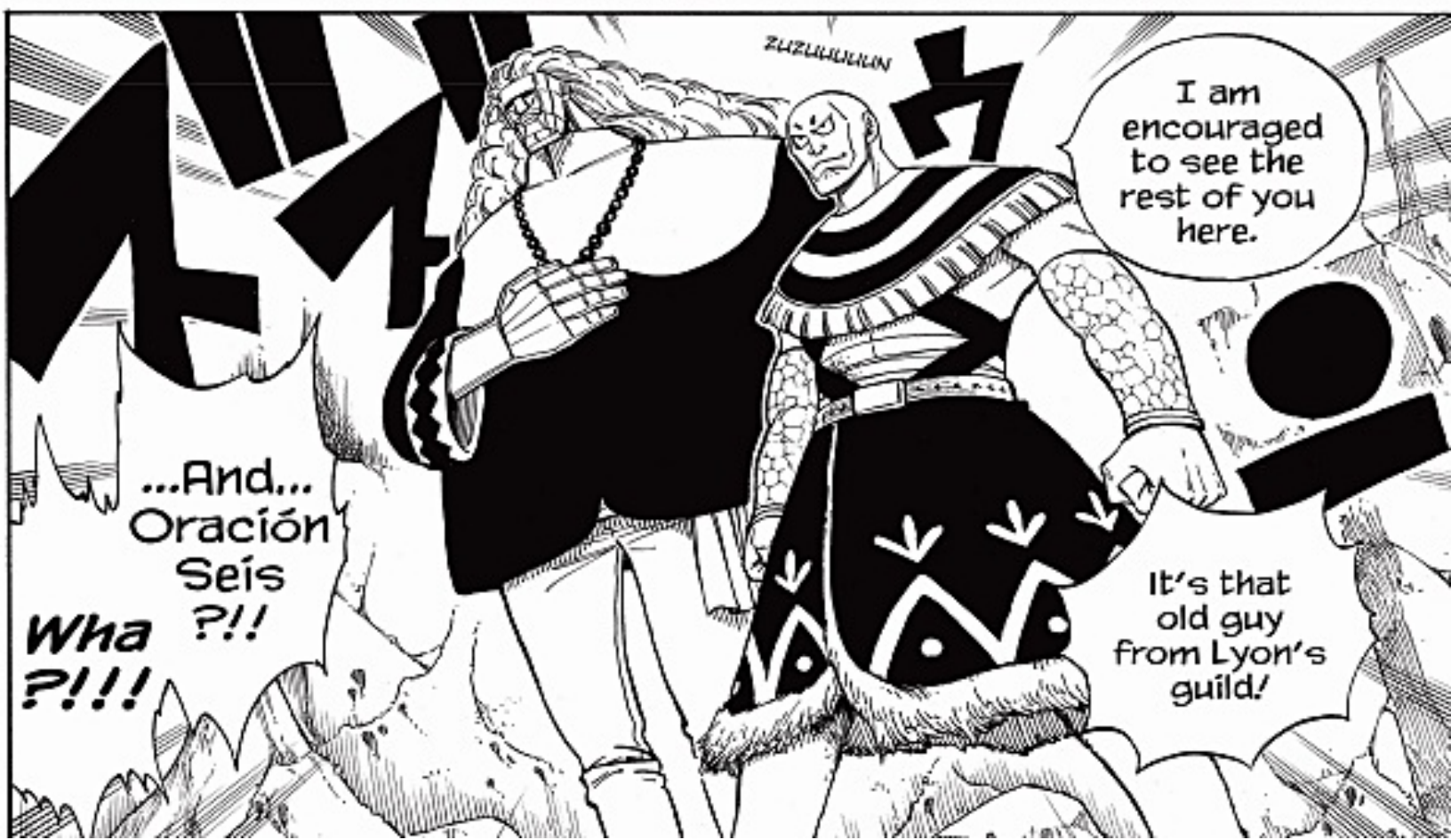
What  
is this  
place?



It is the  
City of  
Illusions.

!!

That is  
exactly it.



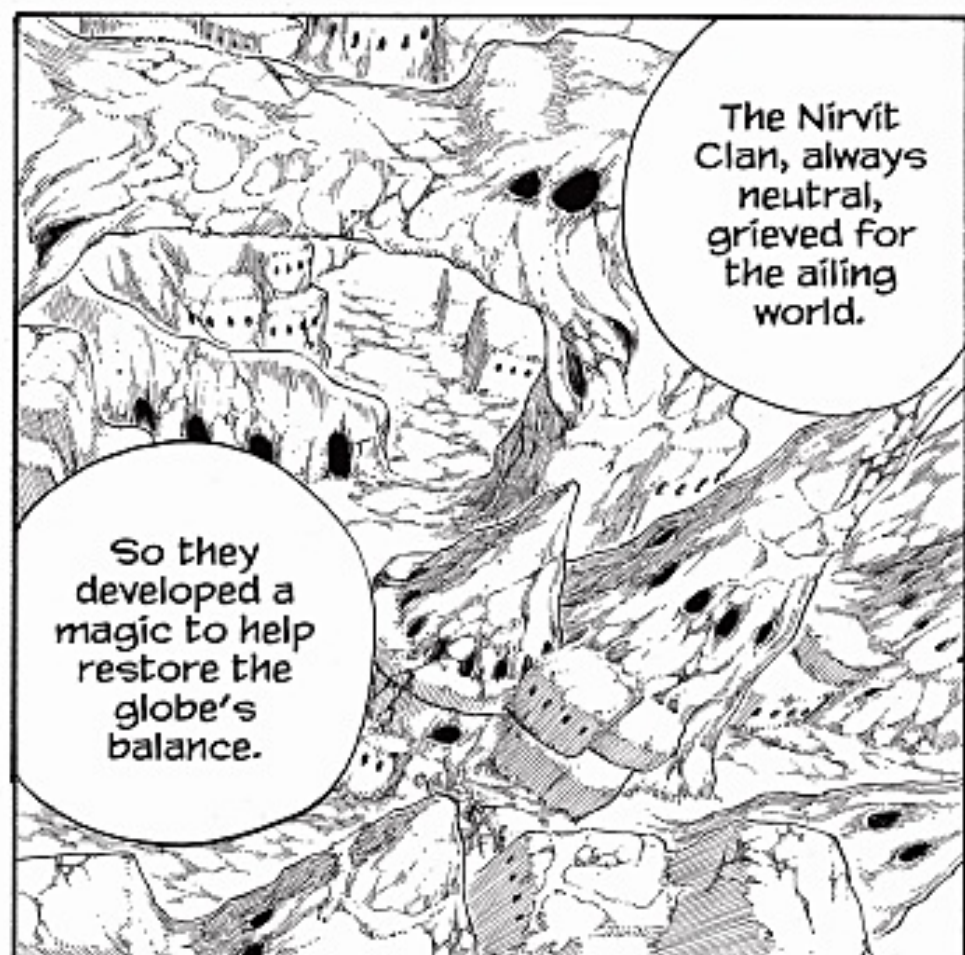
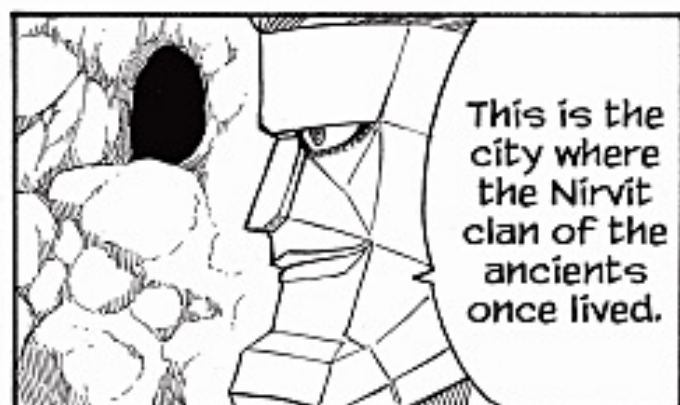
I am  
encouraged  
to see the  
rest of you  
here.

...And...  
Oración  
Seis  
?!!

Wha  
?!!!

It's that  
old guy  
from Lyon's  
guild!







There's no help for it.... The ancients probably never included that in their calculations.



But... It'd be great magic if it didn't have the light-turning-to-dark part!

That's pretty ironic... Giving Nirvana the name "peace." Right now... it's being used as a tool of evil.



Well, duh!

We must stop this without a moment to spare.

No matter the past, now that it has started moving, we have trouble.

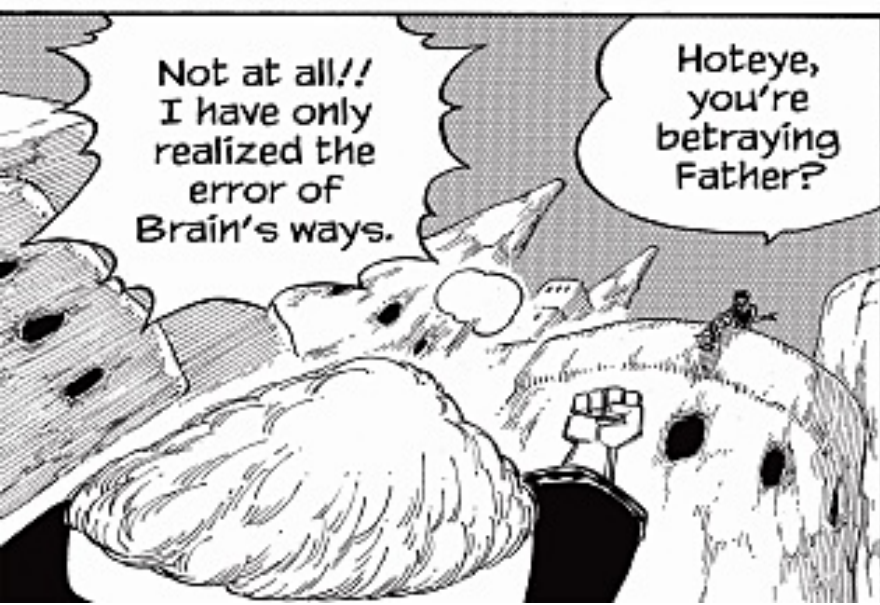
Right!

Strong magics are bound to have strong side effects.

While he is, he may not use other magic. That is the chance to attack.

Brain will likely be in the central King's Hall controlling it.















You all, please  
go to the  
King's Hall!!!

Hoteye just  
liquefied  
the ground  
below us  
and saved  
our lives.

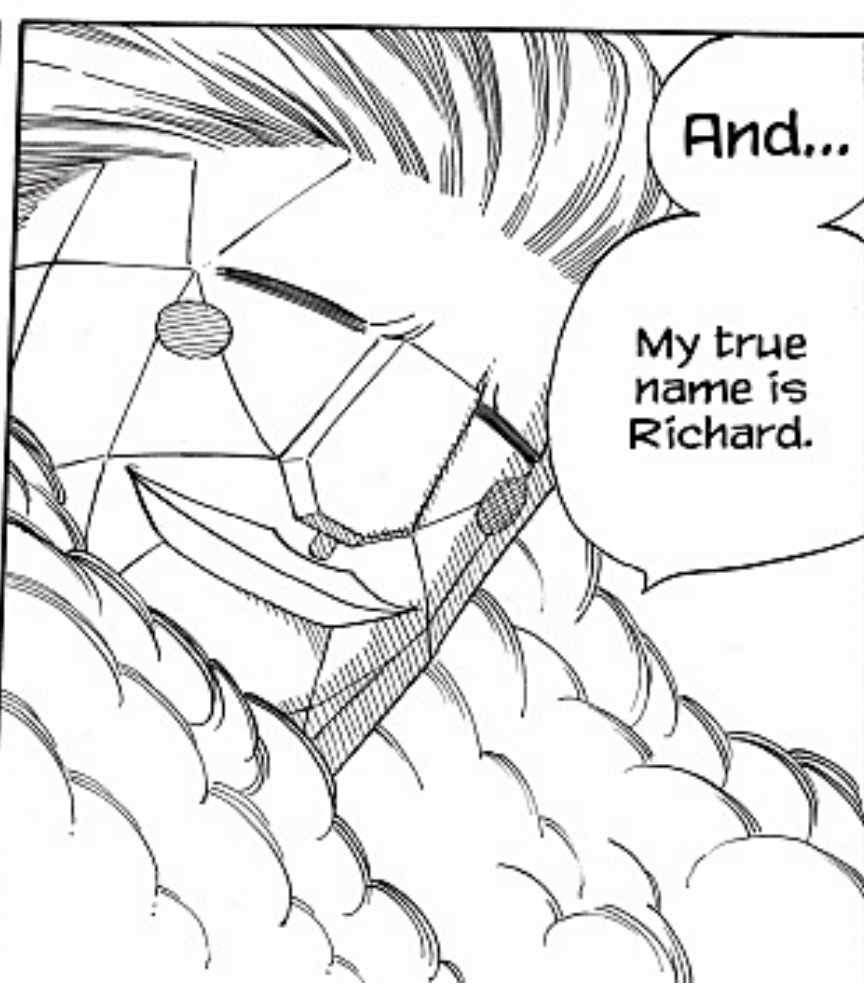
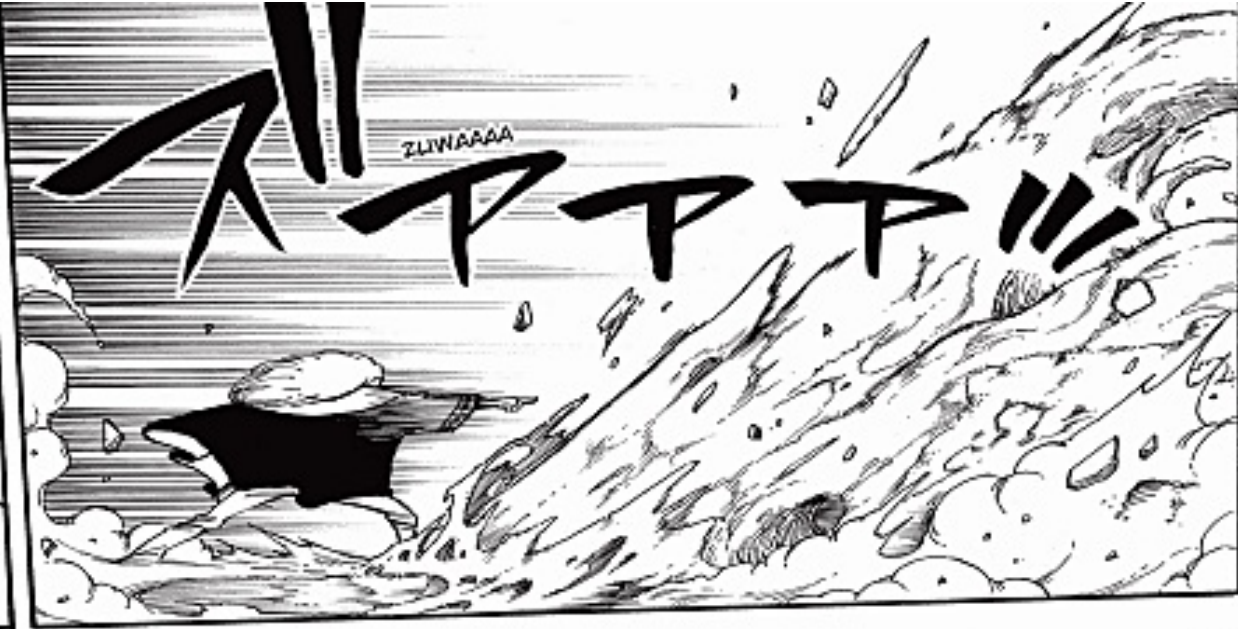
What just  
happened?!

EEEE!

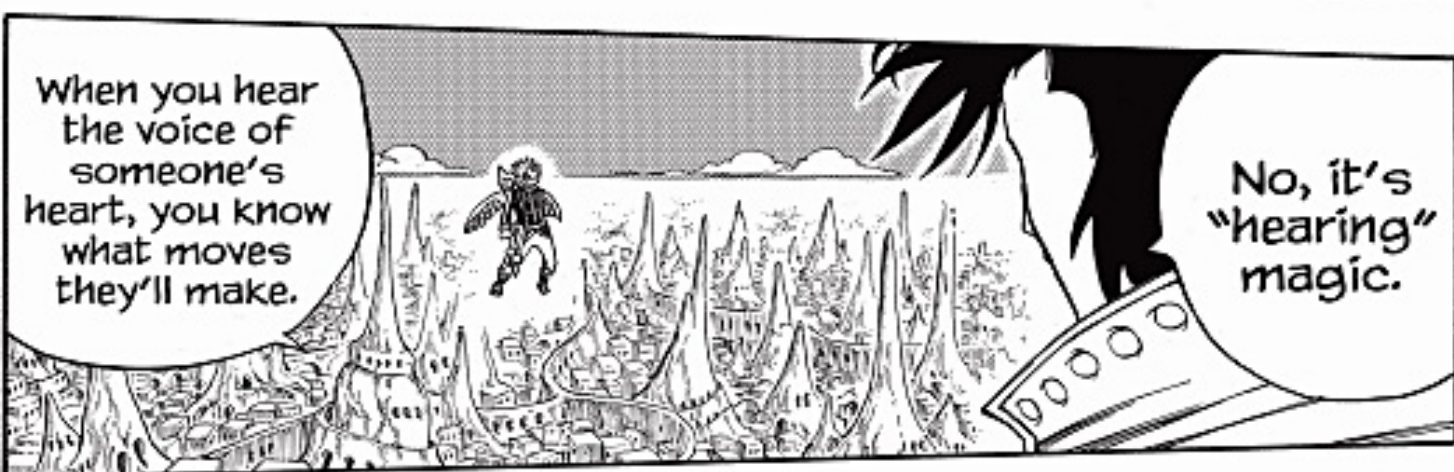
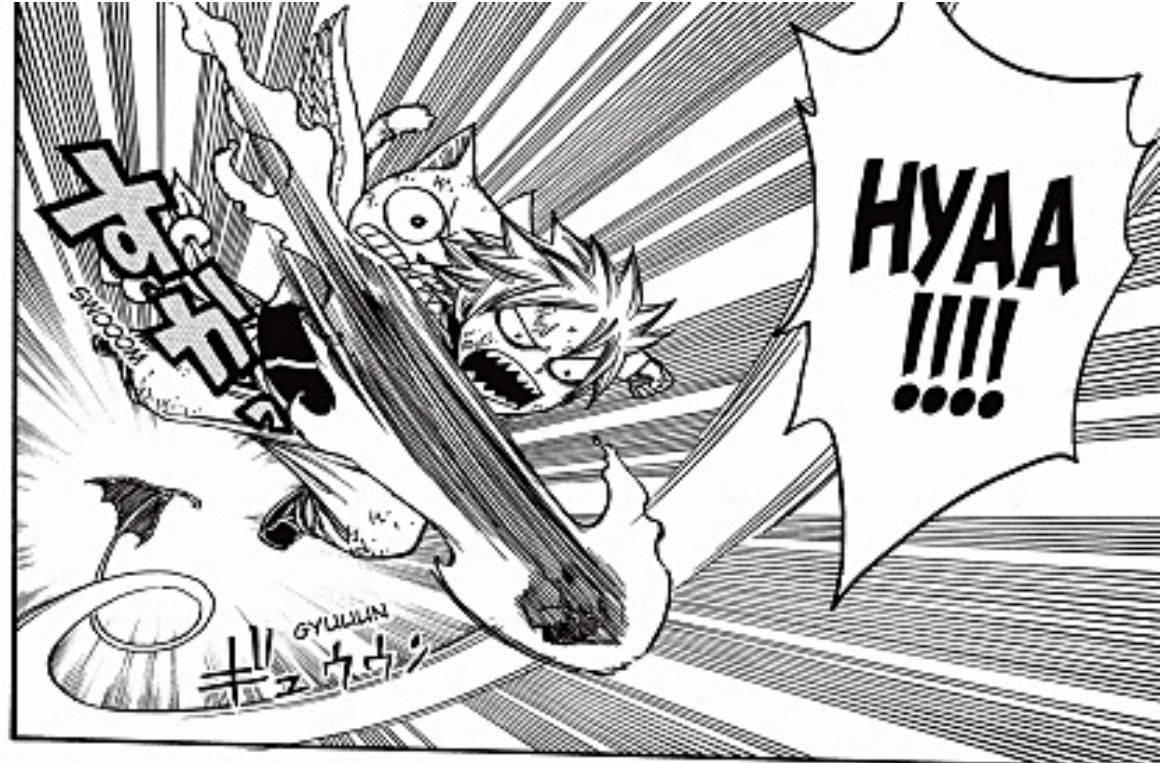
All  
Oración  
Seis are  
of equal  
power!!!

I will take  
on Midnight  
myself!

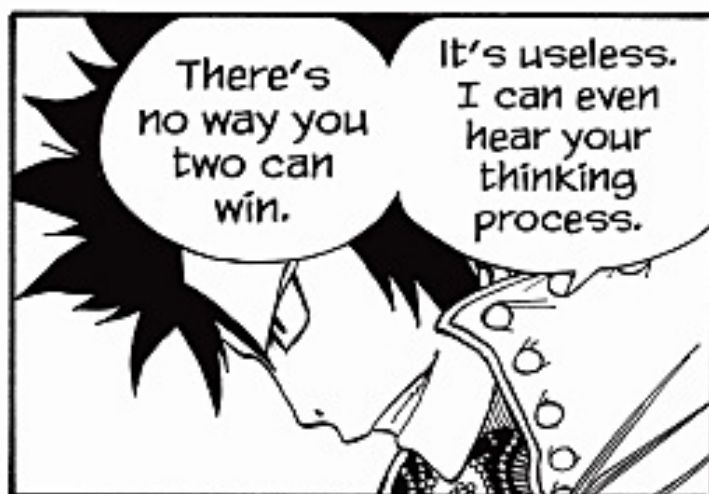








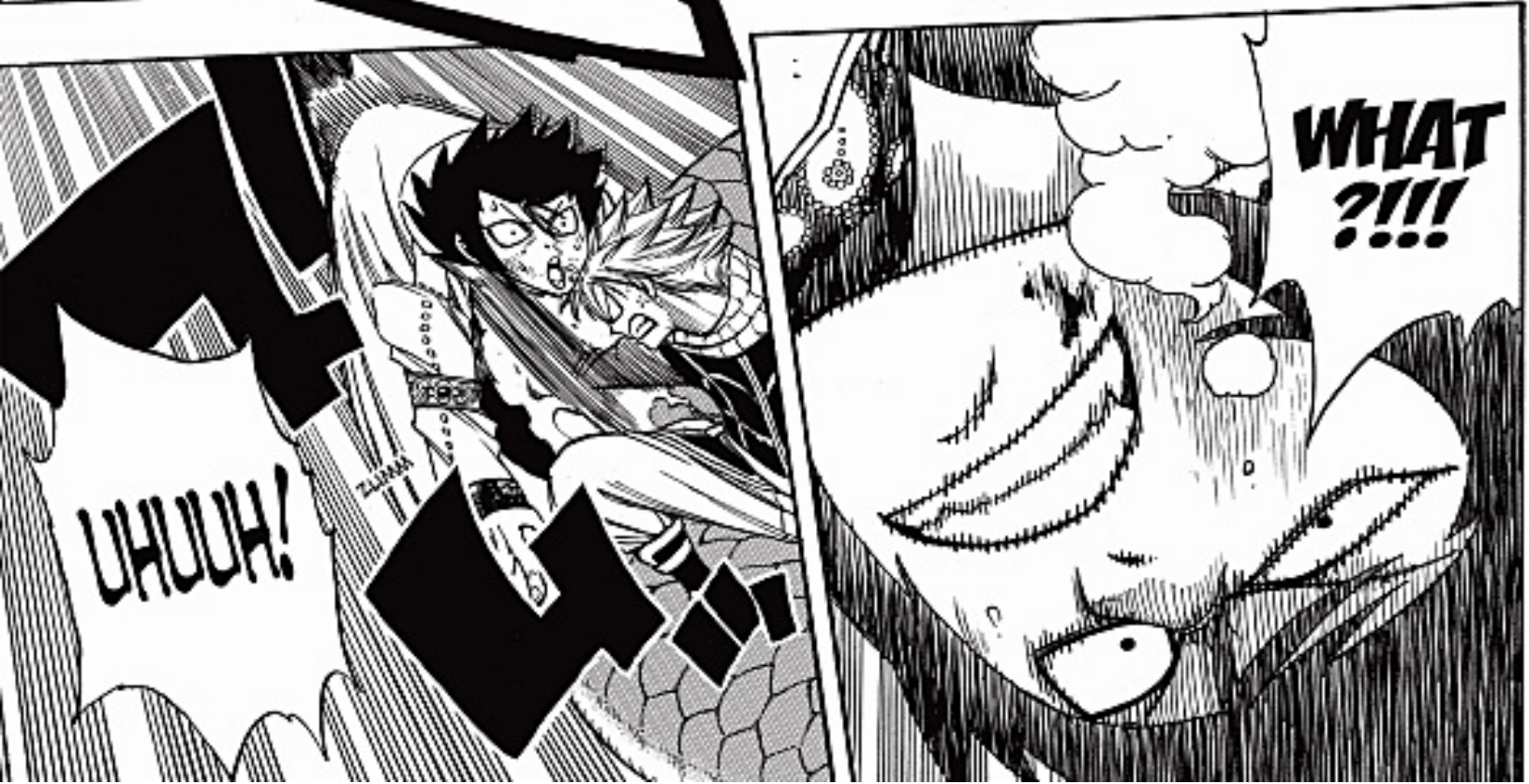
















DOKAM

WHUD

KRAKK

This is impossible...  
!!!!



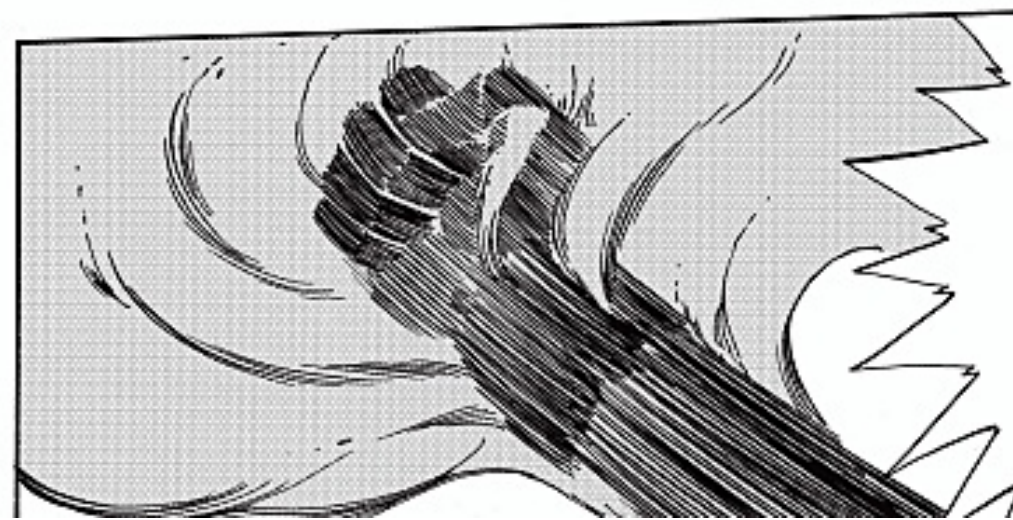
BAMM



He isn't thinking anything  
!!!!

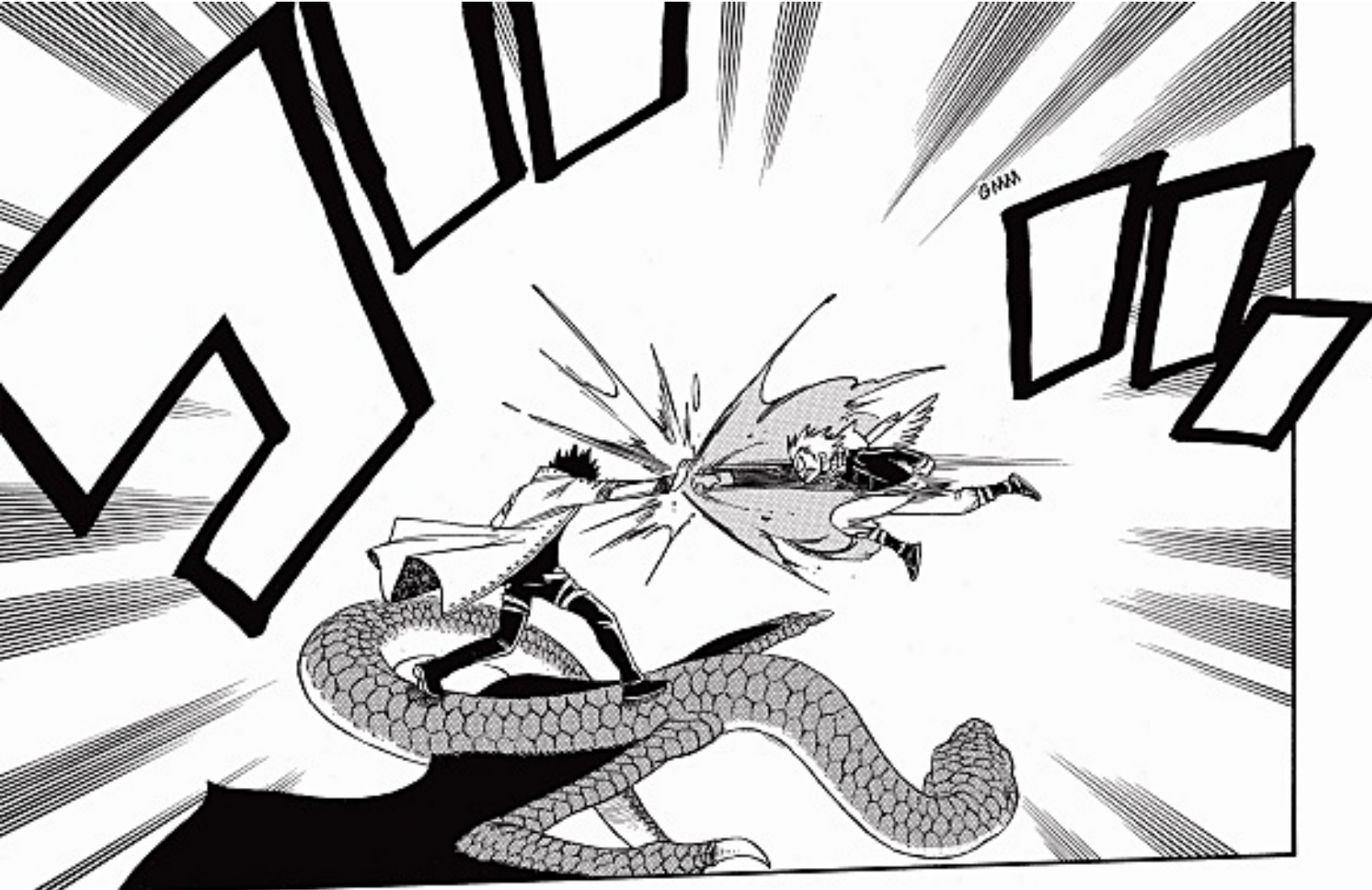


He...!!!!



Chha  
aaaaa  
ahhh  
!!!



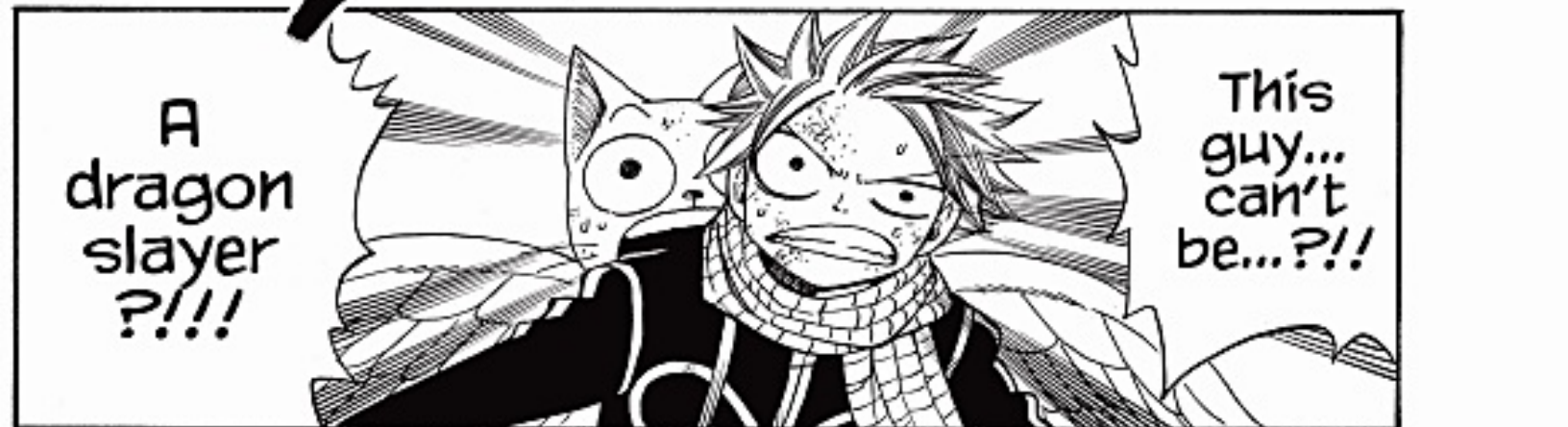






**Cobra the  
Poison  
Dragon!**

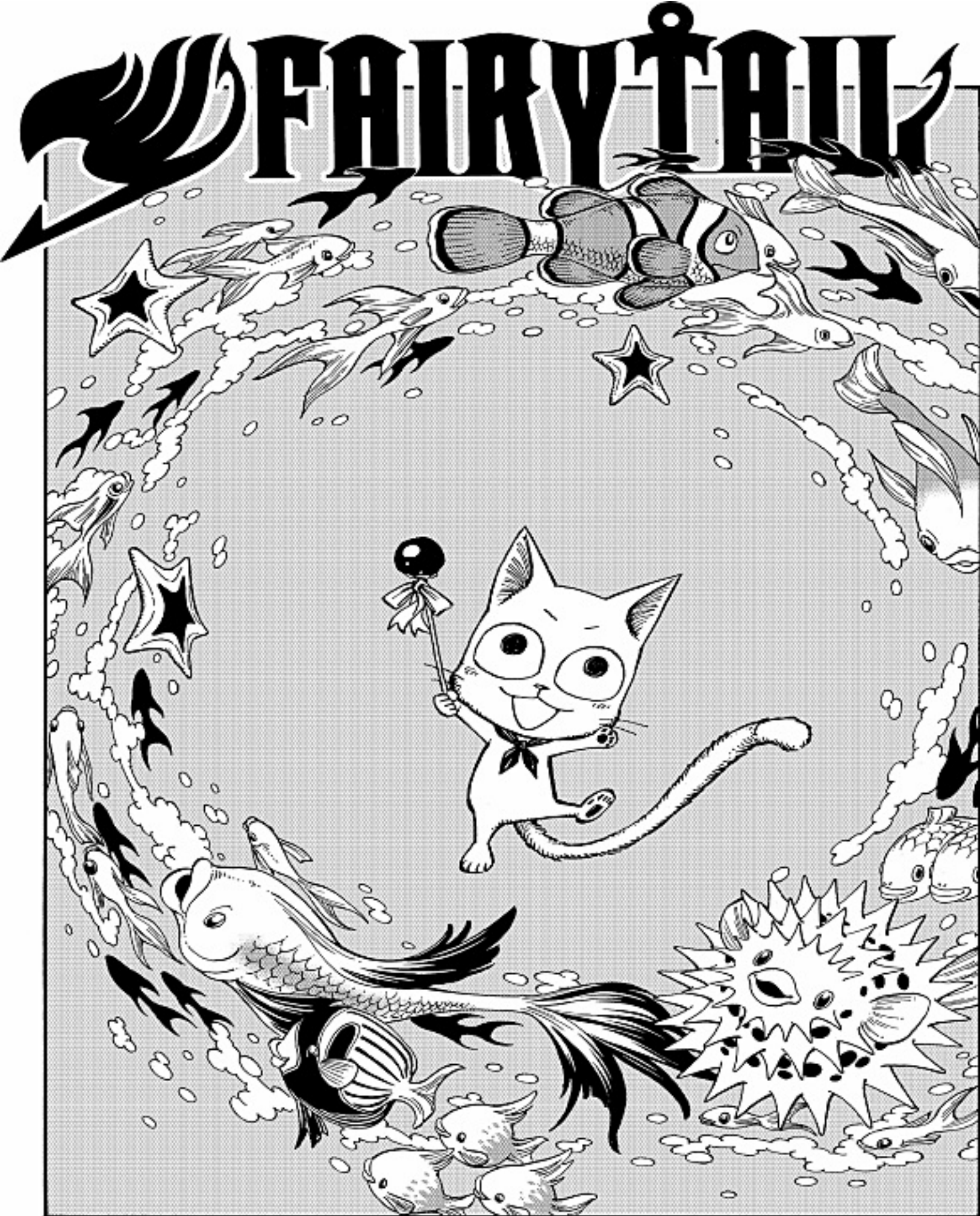
**This is  
where  
I get  
serious!**



**A  
dragon  
slayer  
?!!!**

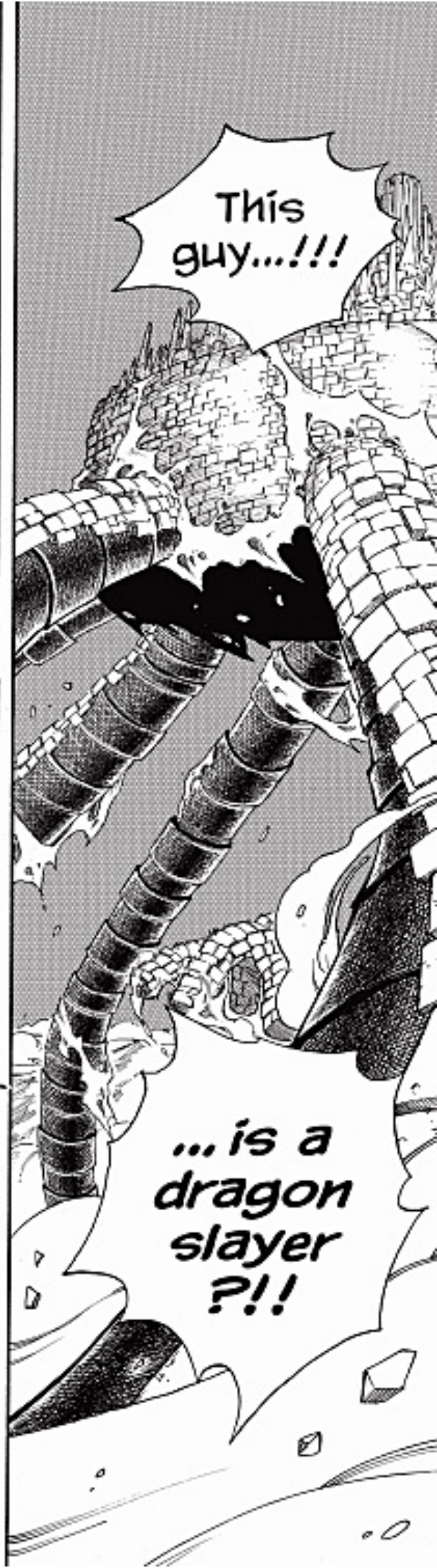
**This  
guy...  
can't  
be...?!!**



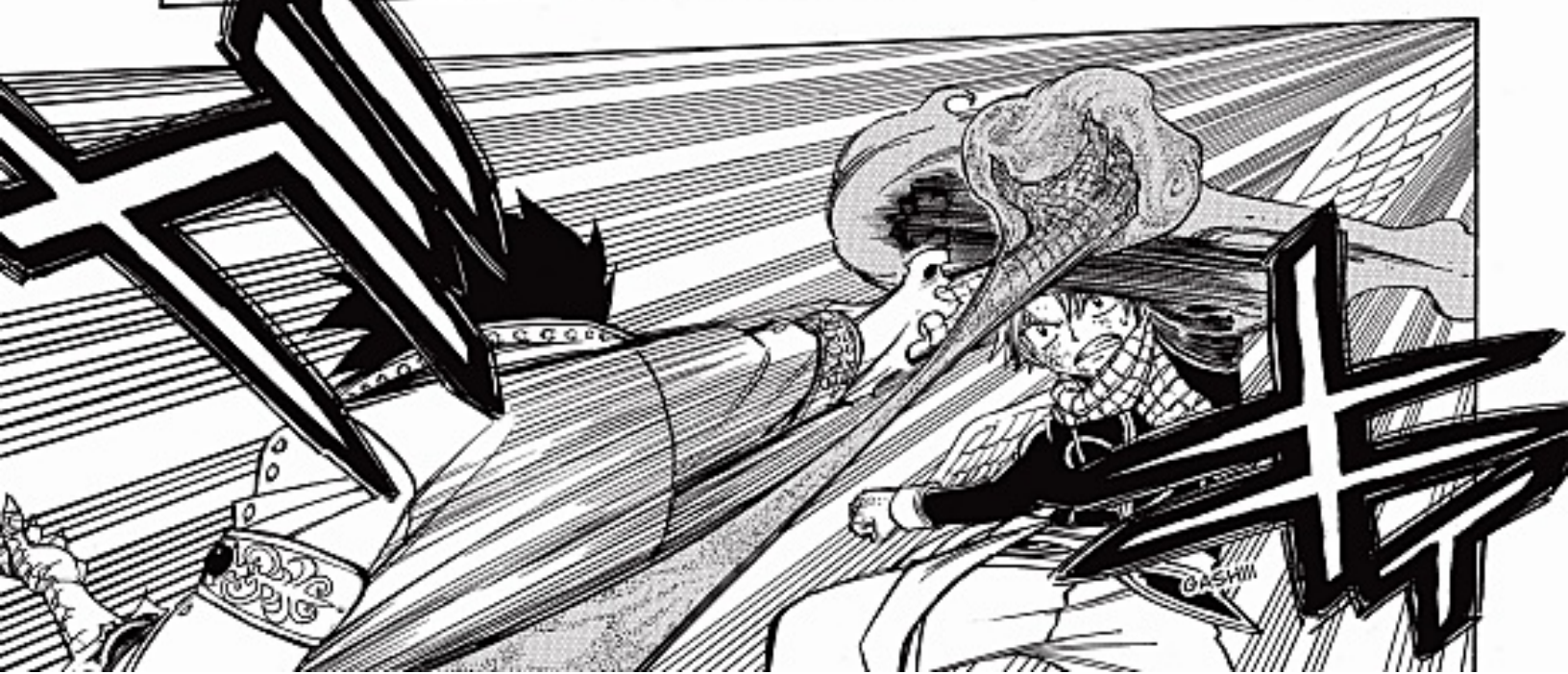


## Chapter 150: Dragon's Roar

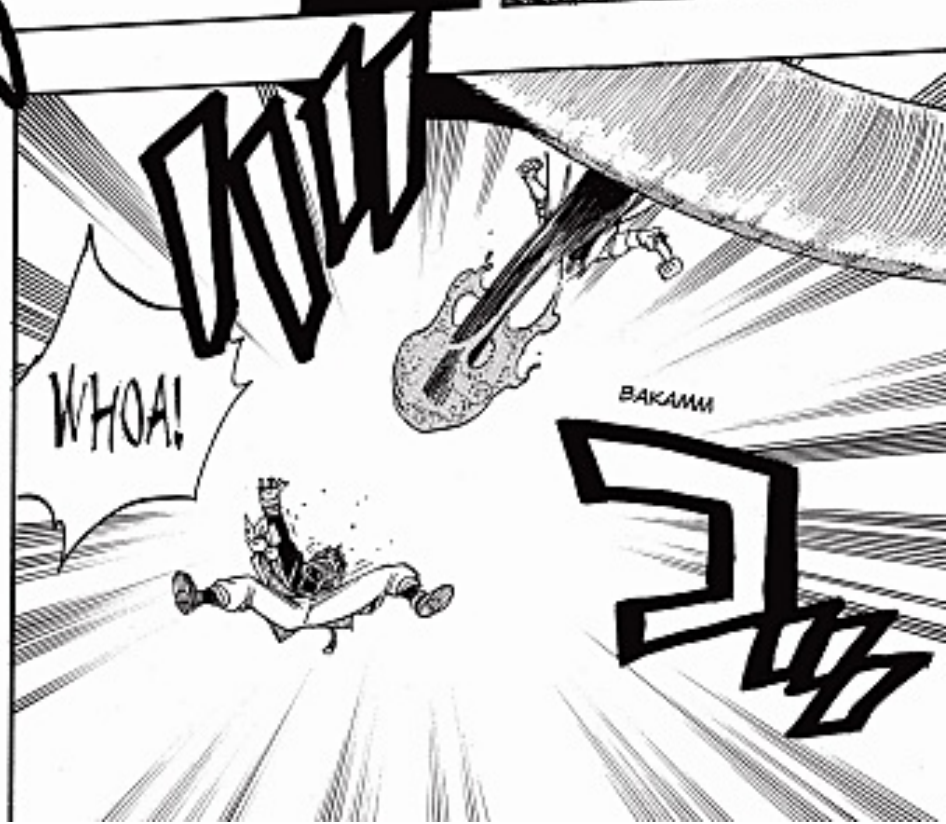












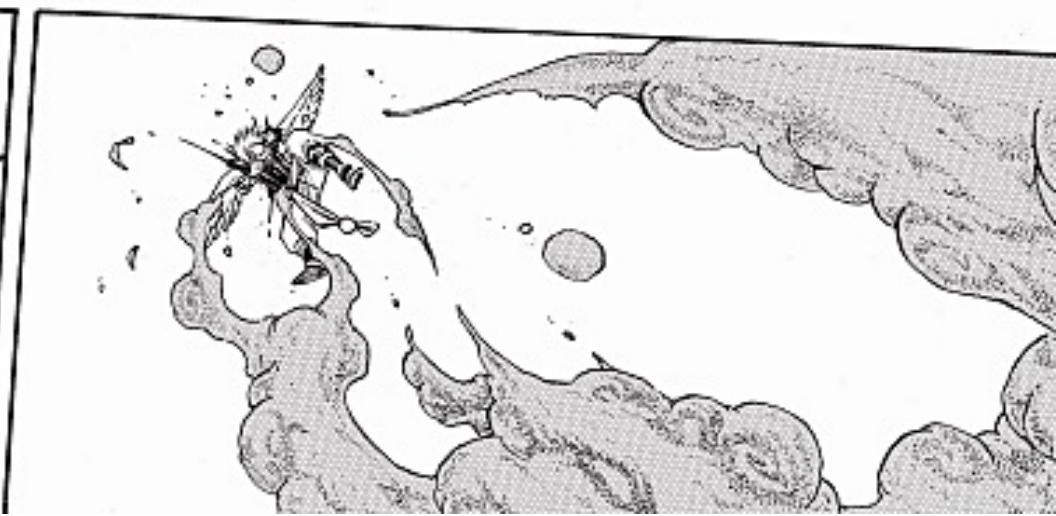




\*Poison Dragon's...













I could hear your attack!

WHOOOSH

KARYÔ  
NO  
YOKU-  
GEKI\*  
!!!!

BUGWOUGH

\*Fire Dragon's Wing Slash

You old-generation dragon slayers can take it, huh?

Still, I'm surprised you can muster that much of an attack after taking my poison.

Dammit ...!!

...I managed to get the power to hunt down dragons! I'm a new-generation dragon slayer!

I'm one who took a dragon lacrima into my body, and with it...

Old generation?



From my perspective, you're the suspicious one!

This magic is meant for dragons to kill each other! No way a human can learn it!

**Real?**

He's just like Laxus!!!

He isn't a *real* dragon slayer!!

**Igneel is out there somewhere!!!!**

After all, there aren't any dragons in the world.

**All the dragons have been wiped out!!!!**

**They're all gone!!!!**



**HAHAHAHA**  
**!!!!**

**Doku-  
Ryû  
Sôga\*  
!!!!**

**ZUCHAA**

\*Fangs of the Poison Dragon!!!!

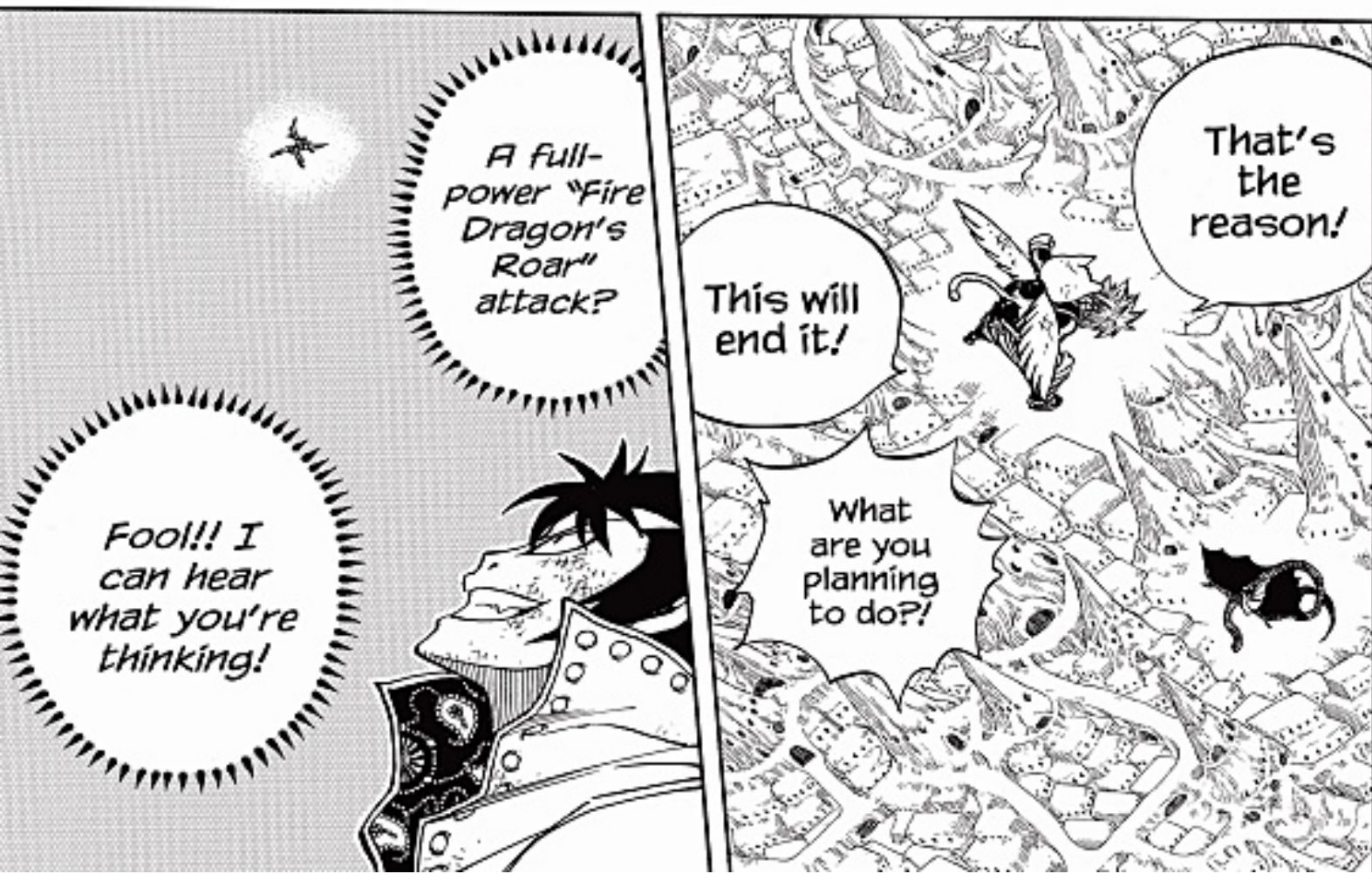
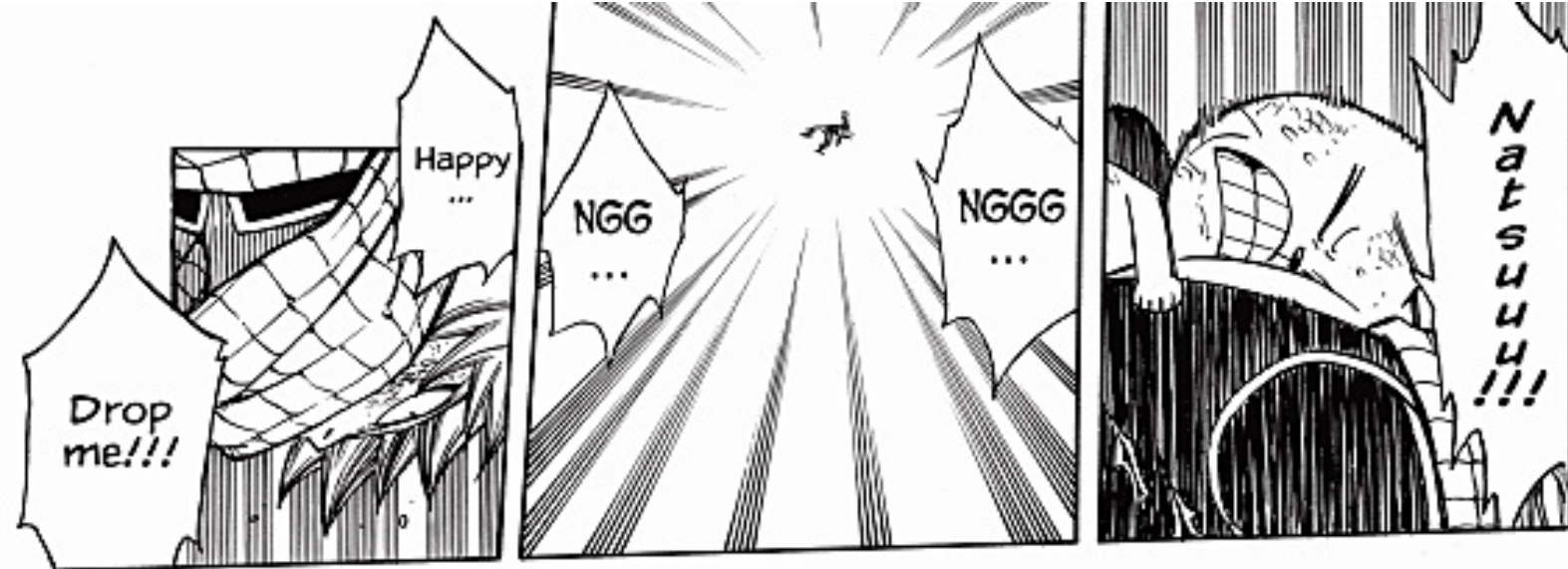
You'll  
die like  
that.

The  
poison  
has gone  
through  
your whole  
body.

It ain't  
moving  
!!!!

M-My  
body...









It was harder to beat him when he wasn't thinking!



\*Fire Dragon's...



So you're doing a wide-spread attack?







Then  
I'll rip  
your  
head  
apart!

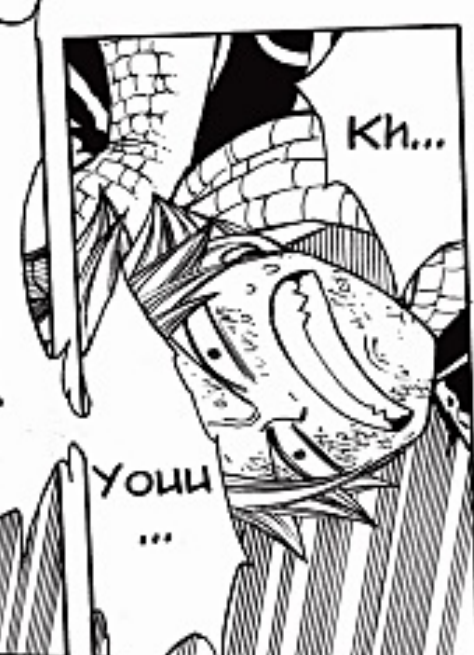
SHA-  
KEEN



But if  
I go  
behind  
your  
head, it  
won't hit  
me!!!



...!!!!

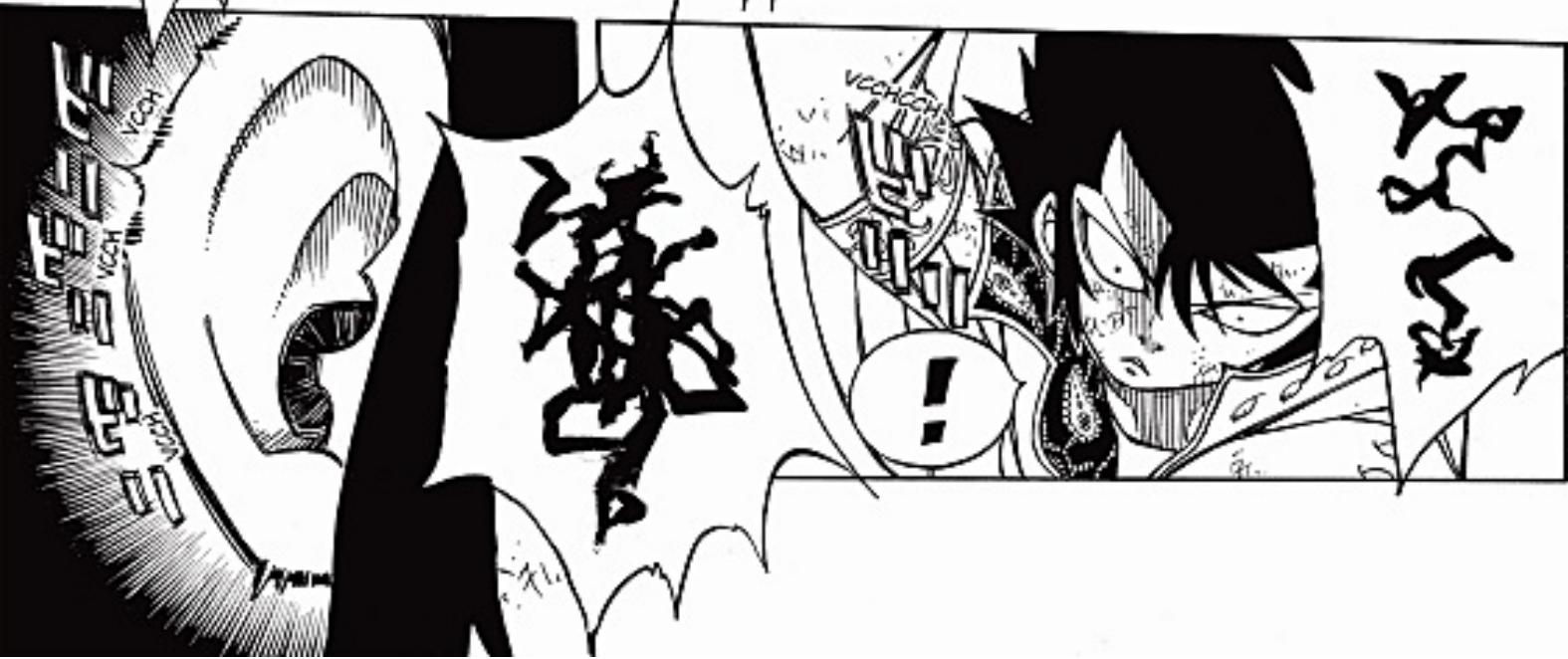


Kh...

Youn  
...



NATSU  
!!!!



!









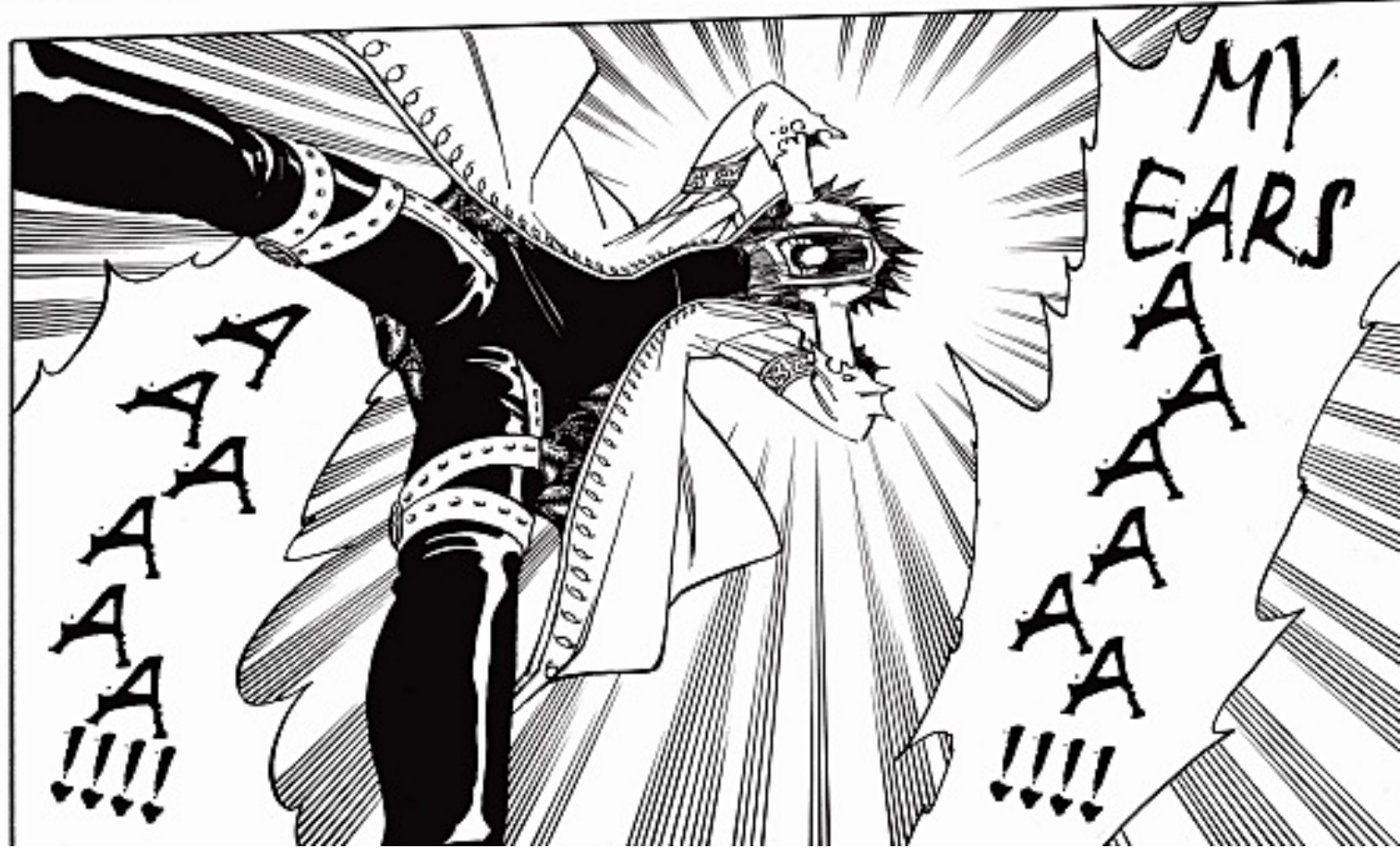




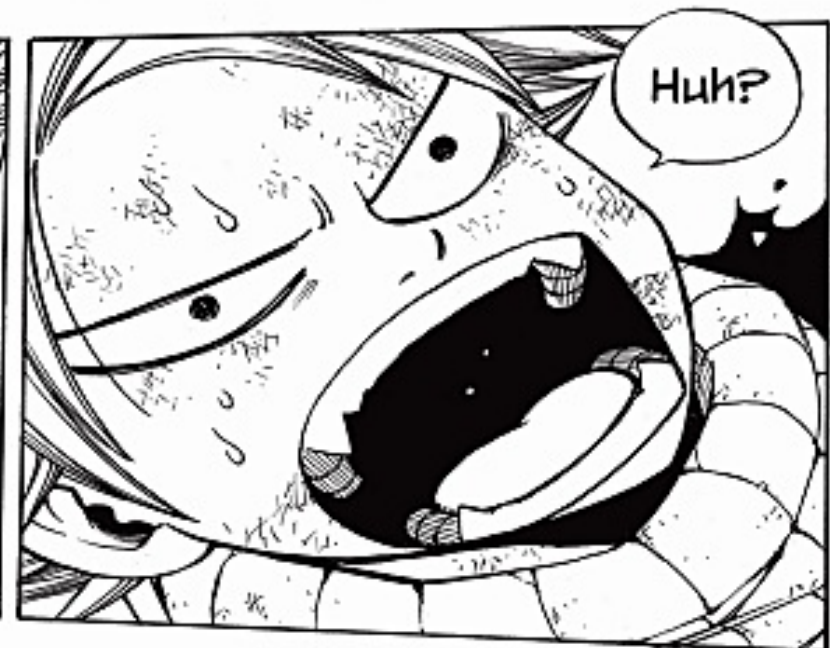
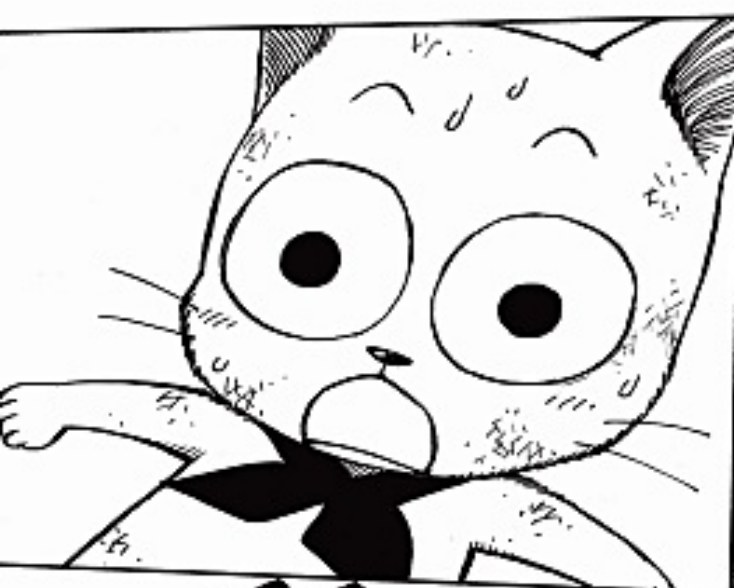
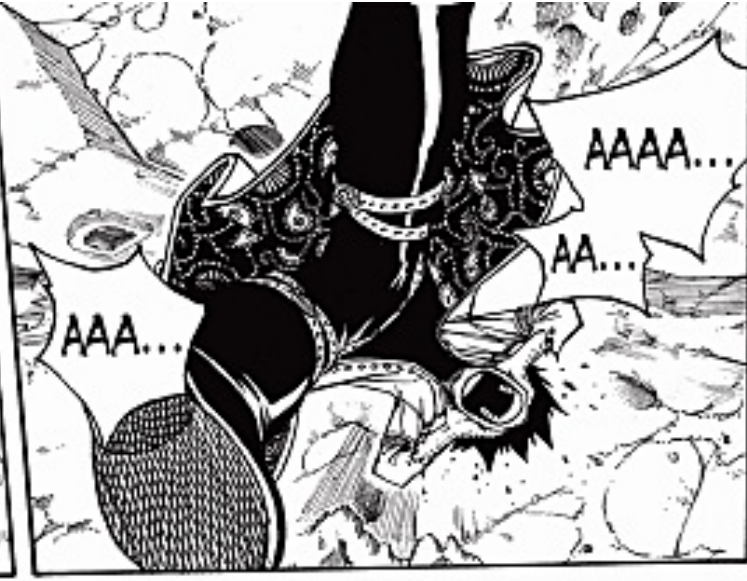












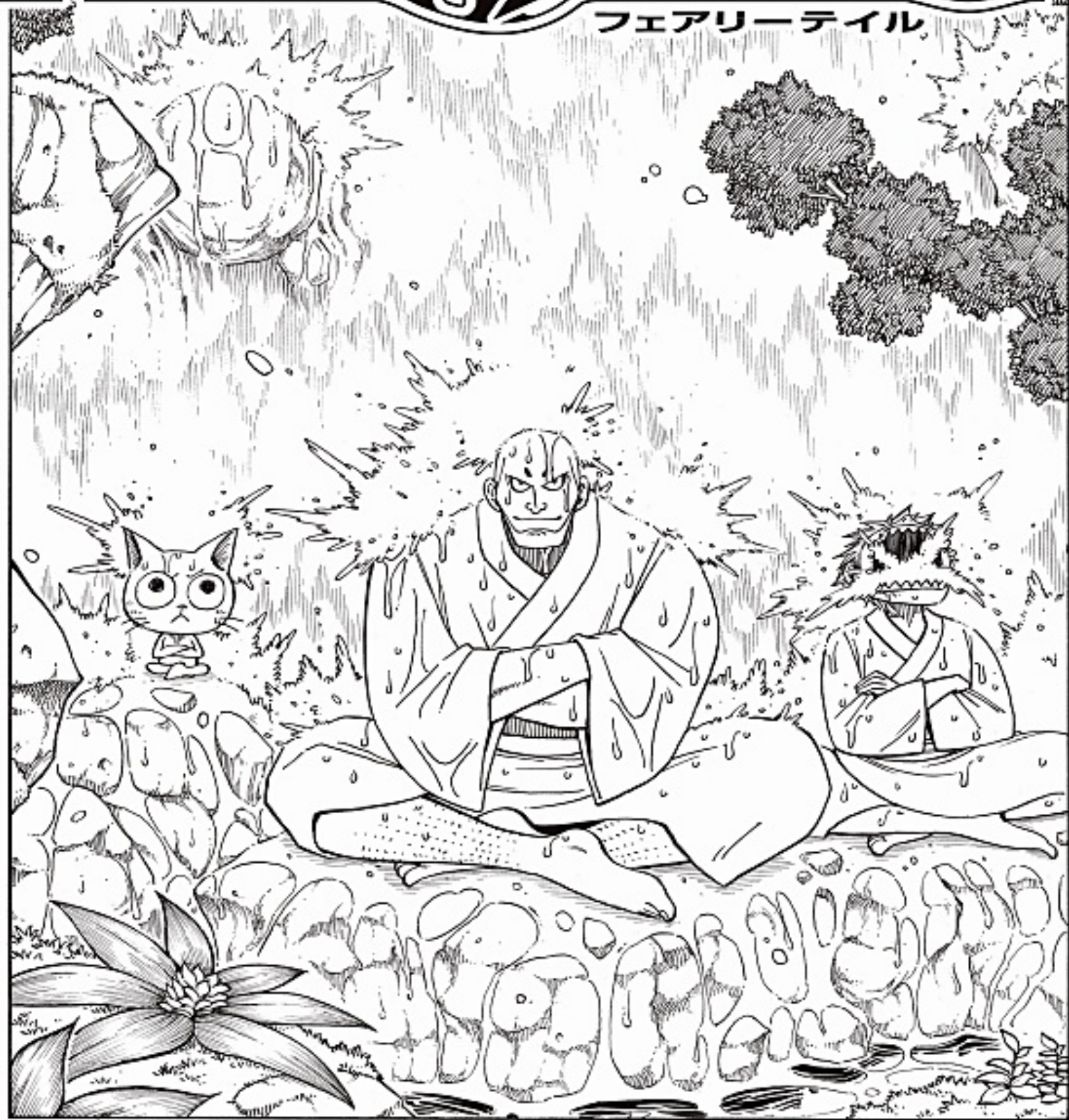






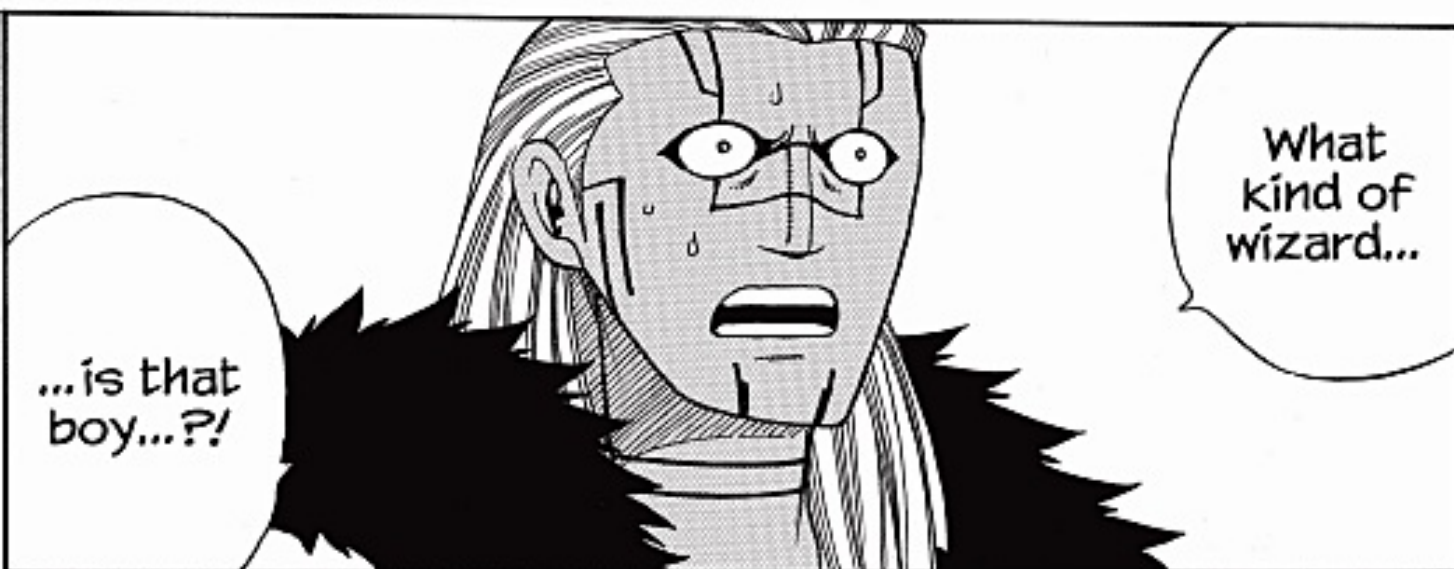
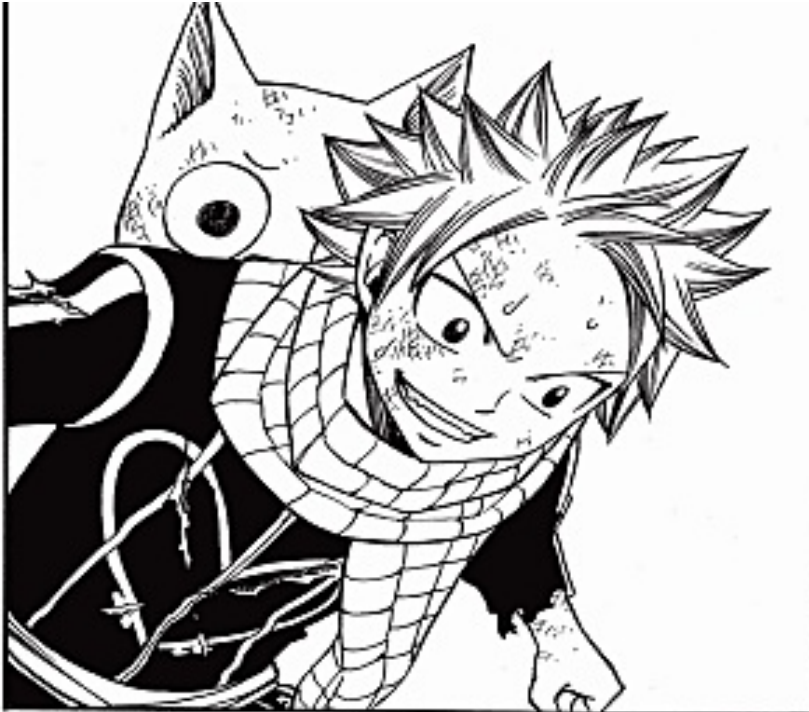
# FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

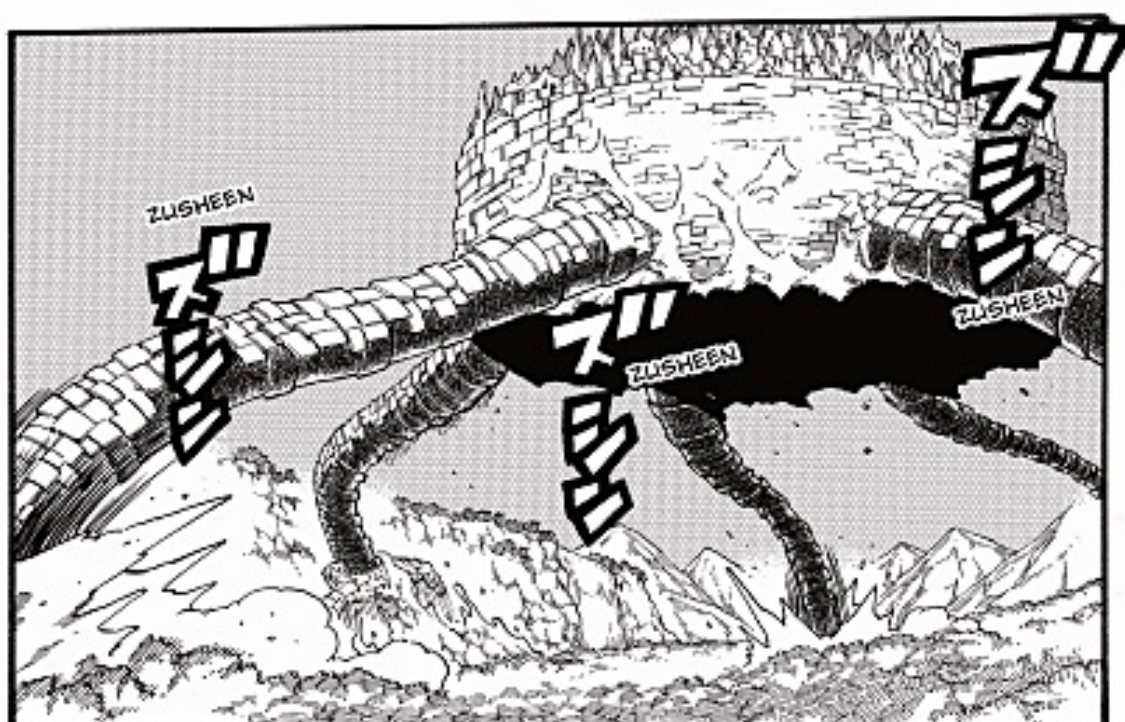
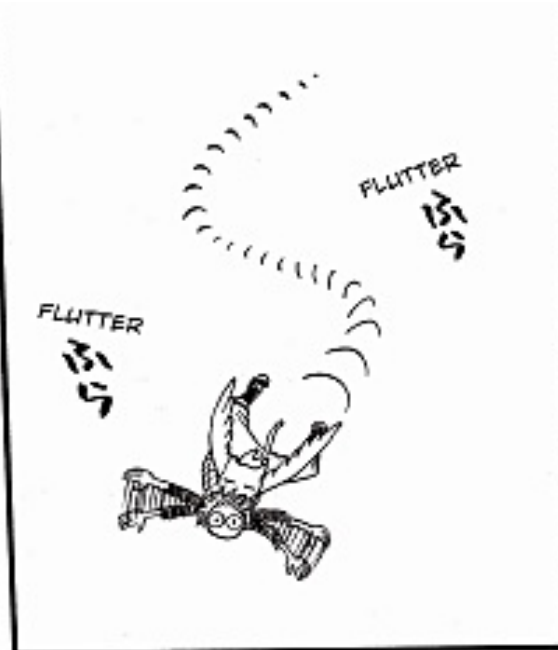


**Chapter 151: Annihilation of Six Demons?!**













DIE  
...



D-  
Dammit  
...

My  
body...



For the  
pride of  
the six  
demons...

...I  
have to  
take you  
down...

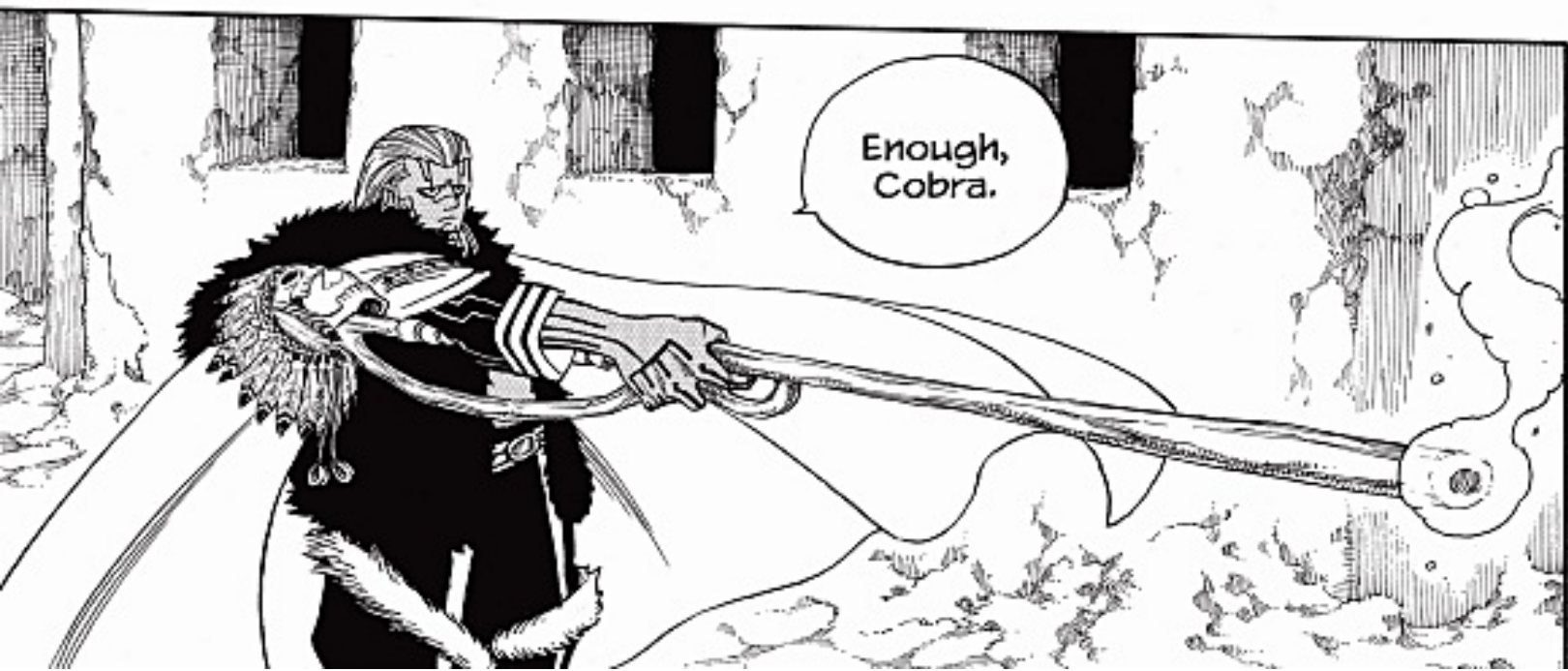
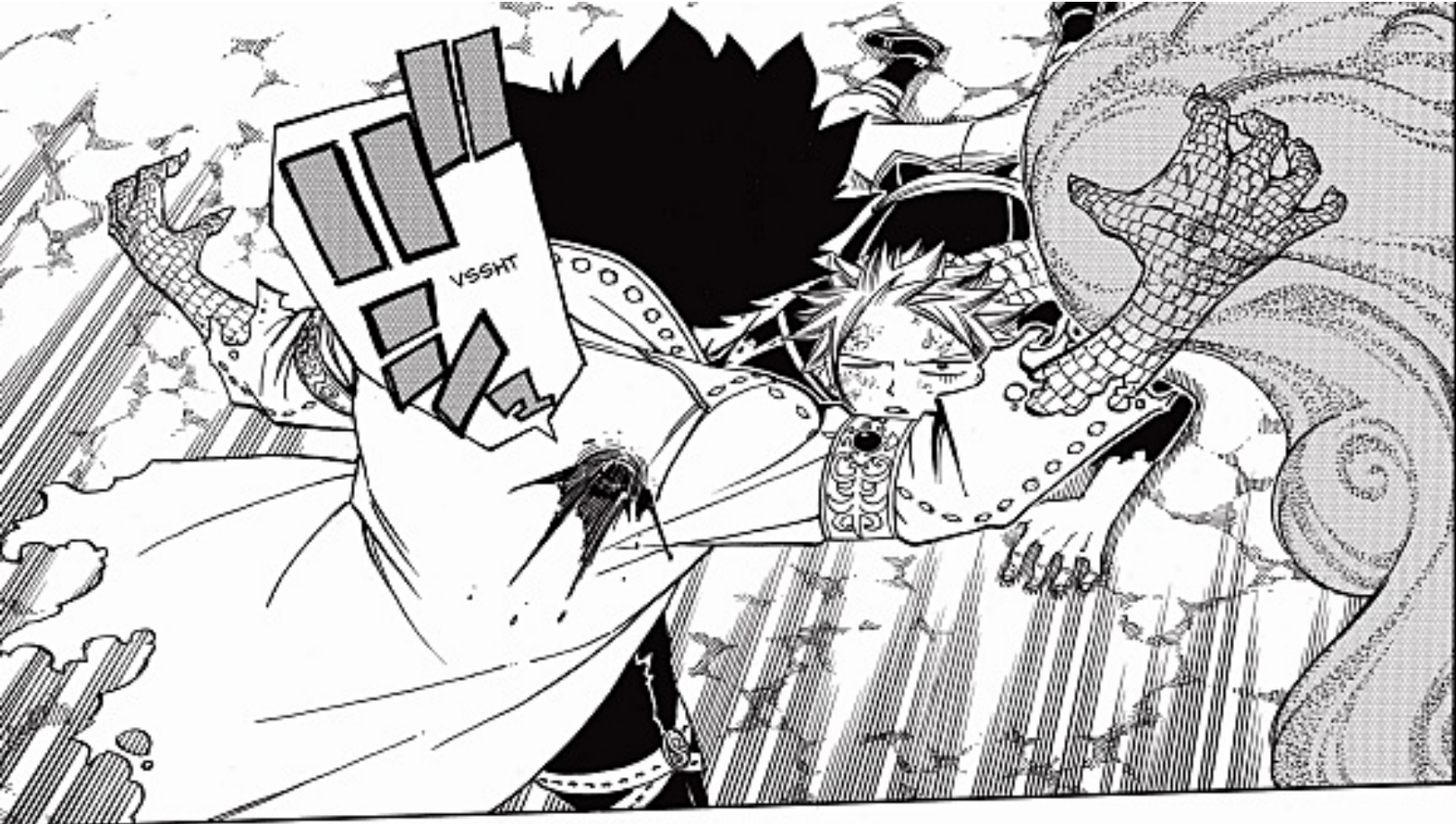
HAHH

HAHH



Look  
at the old-  
generation  
dragon  
slayer now  
.....!!!!











You...  
Wasn't he  
a friend of  
yours?



...is to hear  
the voice  
of the only  
friend I ever  
had...

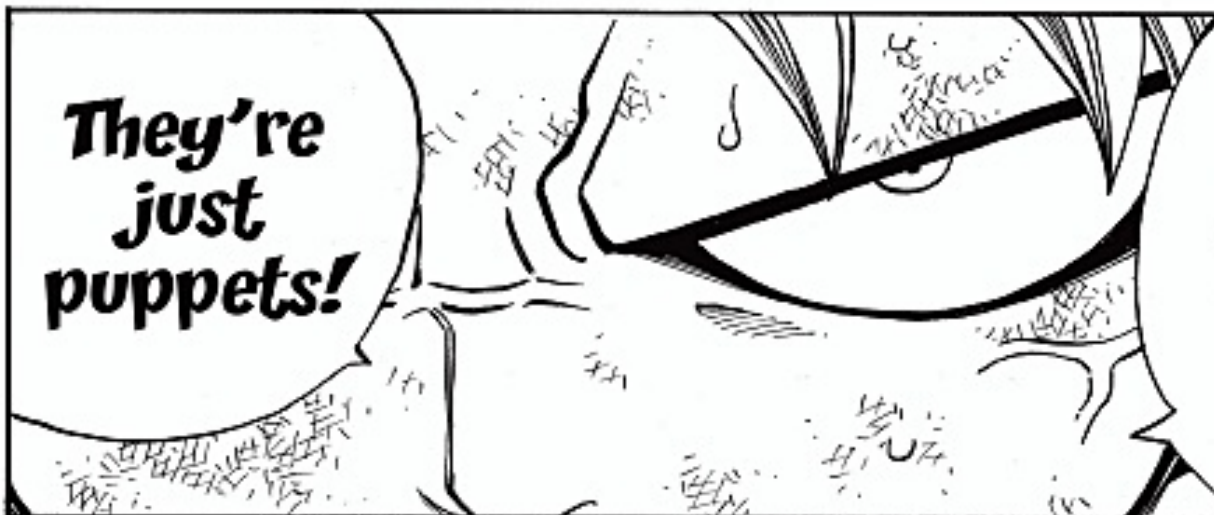
Cubellios...

...with the  
power of  
Nirvana!



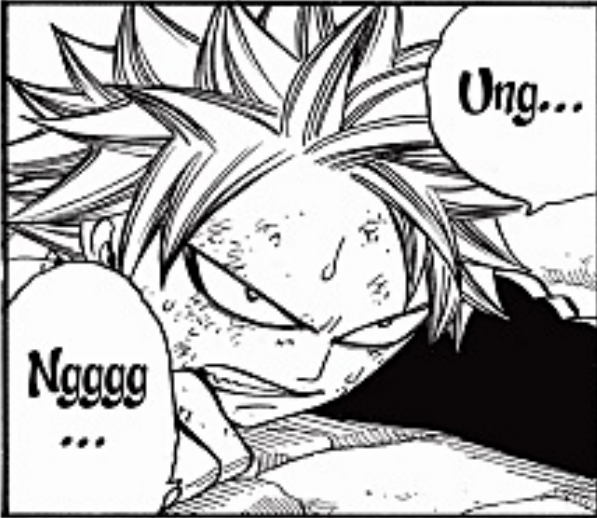
Now I can  
make as  
many friends  
as I like...

**They're  
just  
puppets!**



**That  
ain't what  
you call  
friends!**





Ung...

Nggggg  
...



Perhaps  
you under-  
stand  
what that  
means.

Why do  
we have to  
argue? I  
think I like  
your power.



How about  
I make you  
my very first  
puppet?







The one with the greater conviction wins.



... I-lose ...?

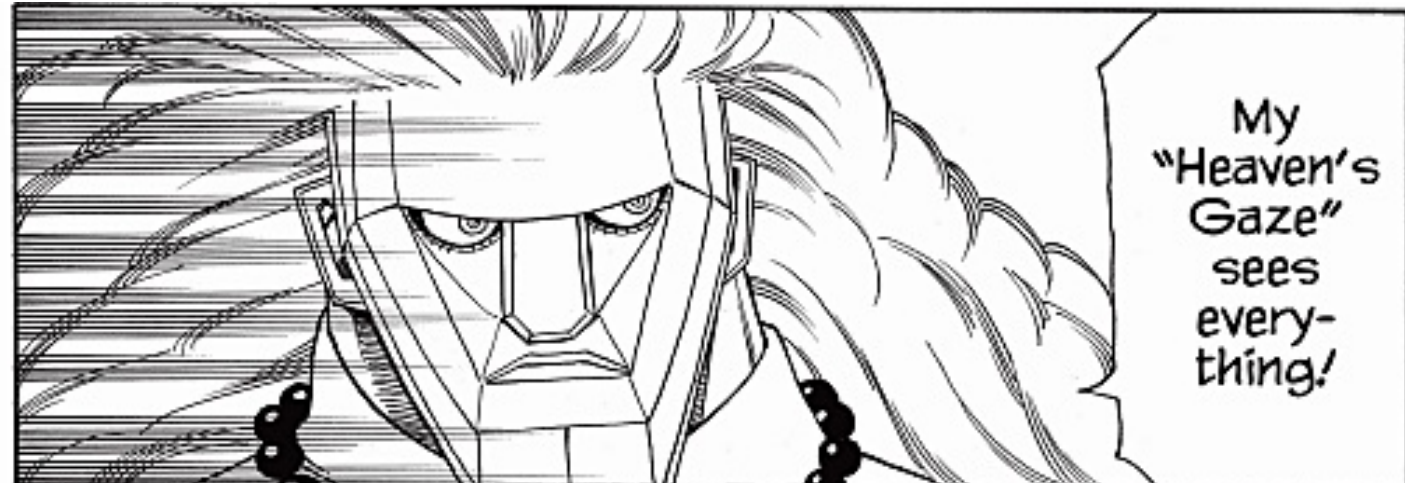


I can't lose!!!



If I lose, Father will disown me...





My  
"Heaven's  
Gaze"  
sees  
every-  
thing!

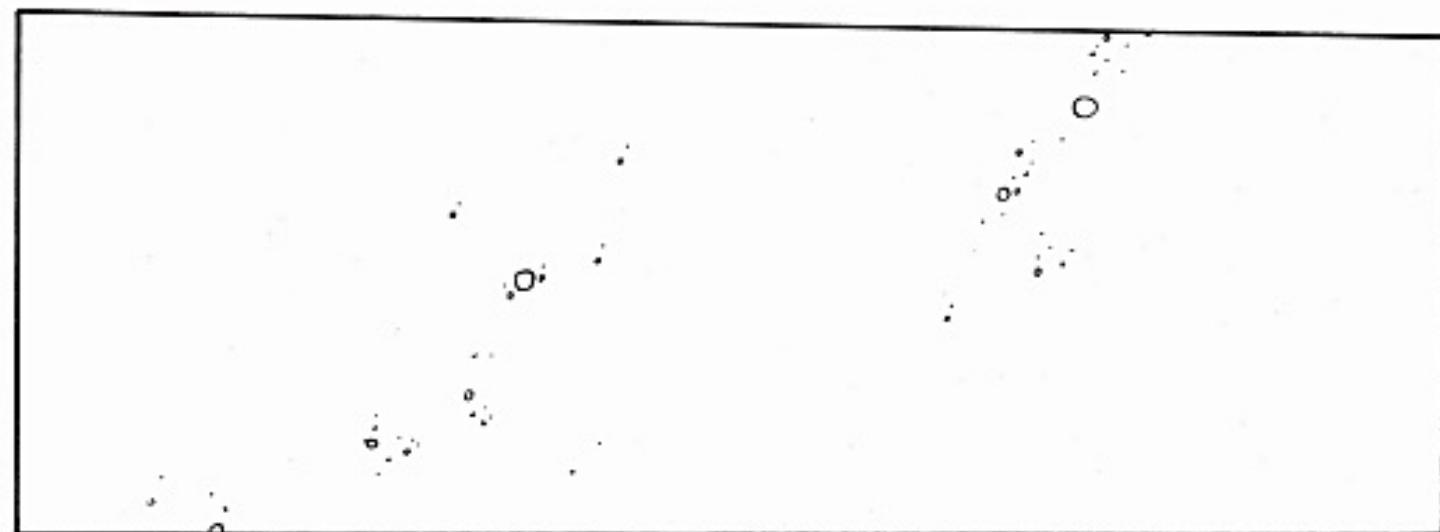


**LIQUID  
GROUND  
!!!!**

And  
I see  
you!!!













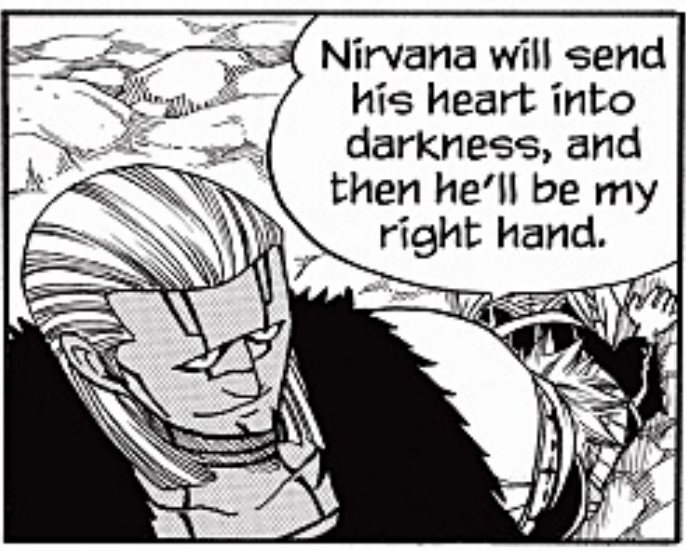


I claim this man  
in order to build  
a new Oración  
Seis.



The Six  
Demons  
lost half our  
numbers.

They  
are the  
fallen.



Nirvana will send  
his heart into  
darkness, and  
then he'll be my  
right hand.

Natsu'll never  
do what you  
want!!



I thought this'd  
happen someday,  
but he's actually  
been scouted by  
a dark guild!



GAHH!  
DOKAAN

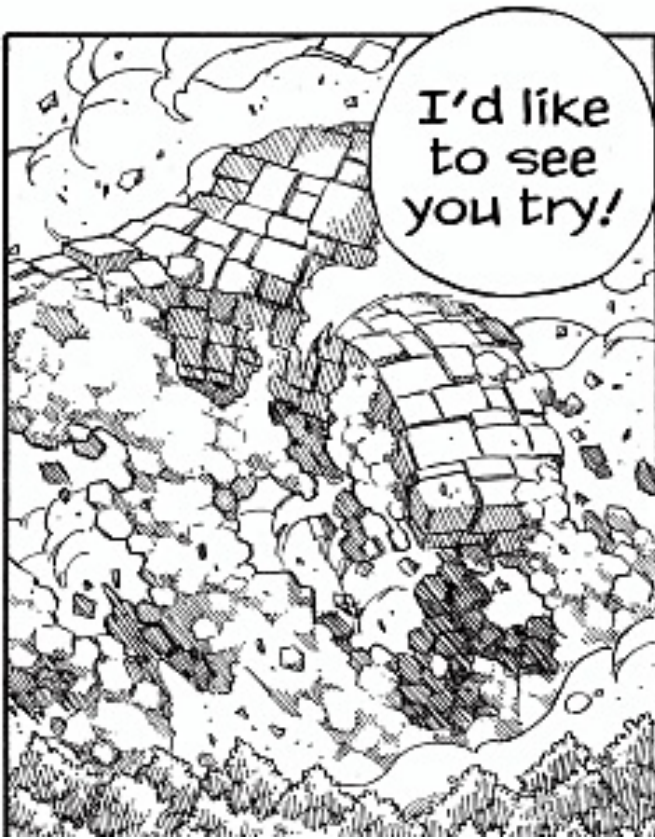
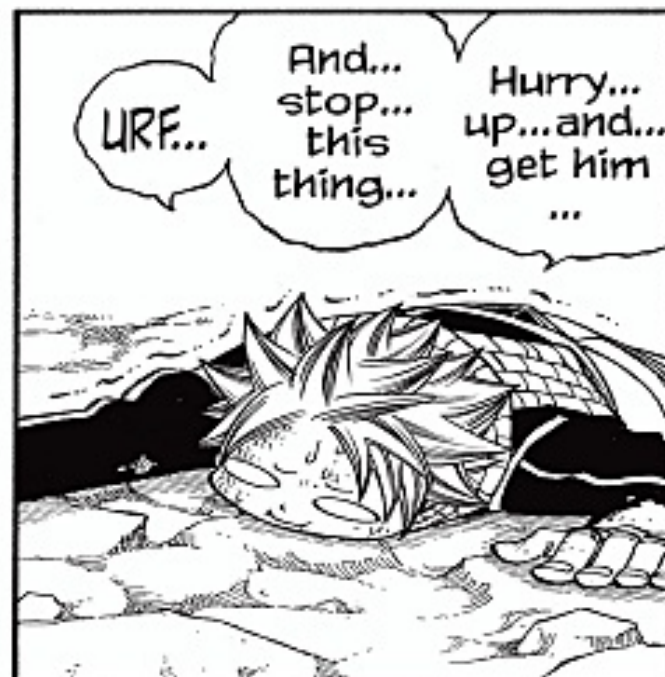
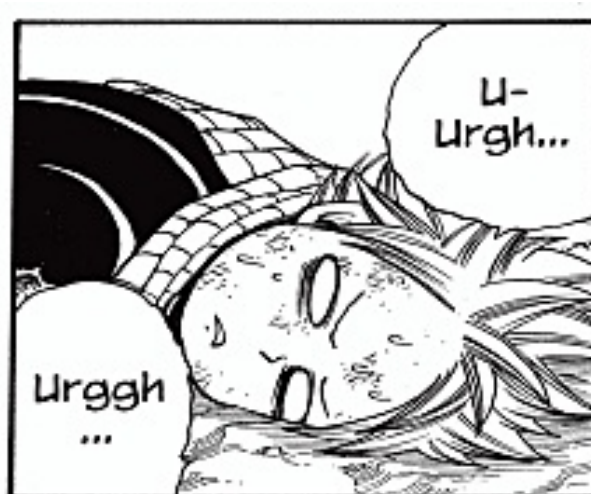
You  
still have  
enough  
strength  
to do  
that?!!

Kh!

Ain't  
gonna  
happen!

GRUNCH





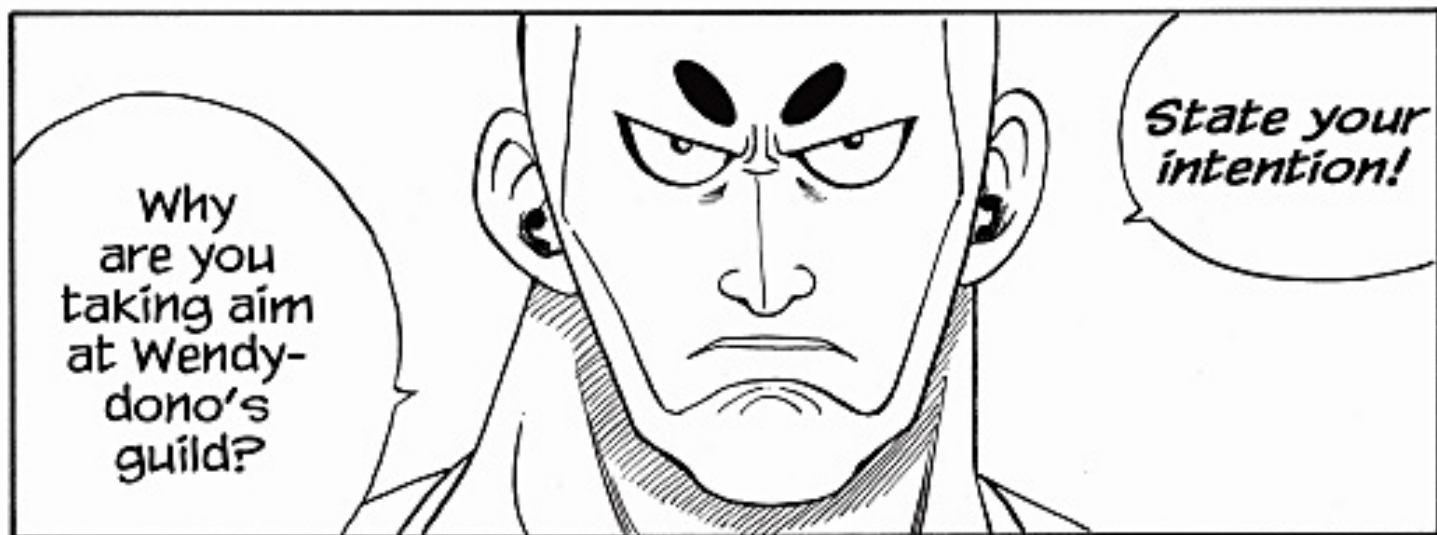


**It'll arrive at  
Cait Shelter!**

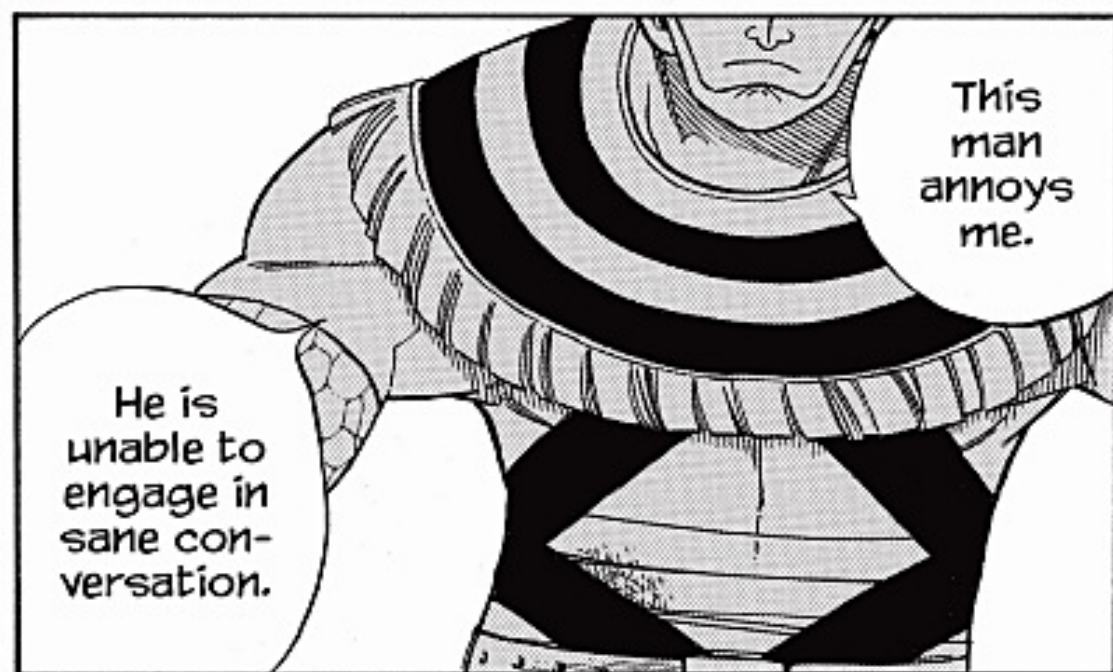
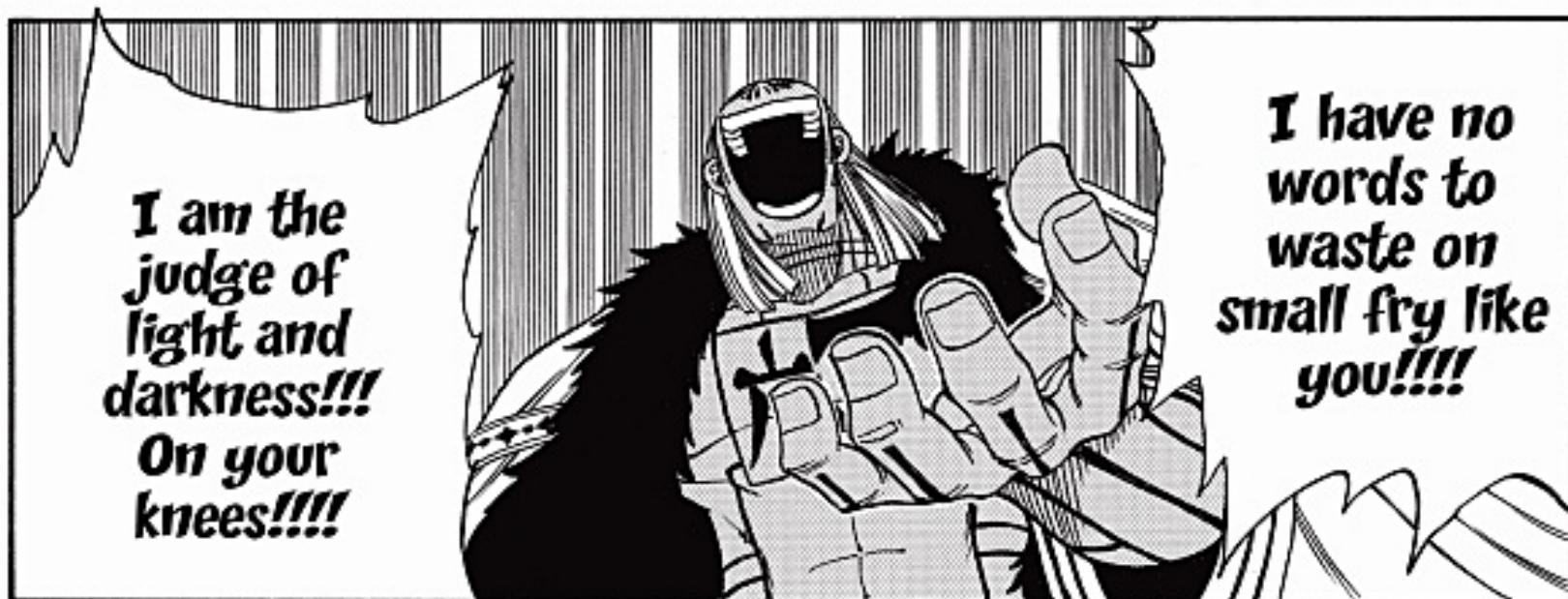
**This city will  
soon be at its  
first goal!**







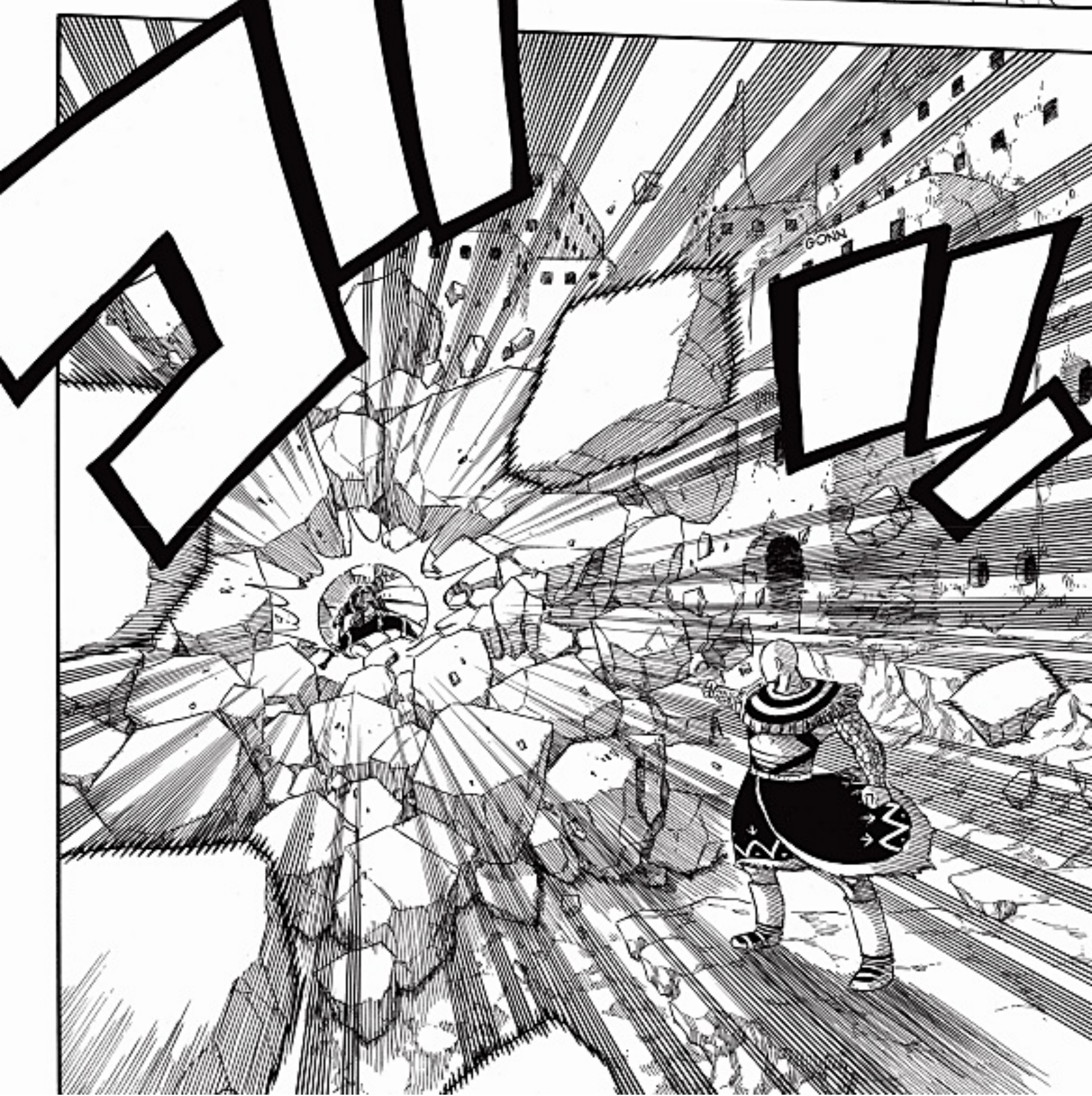
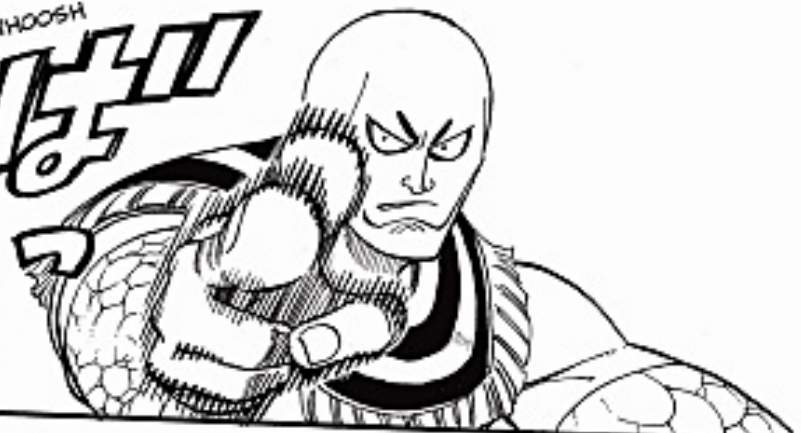




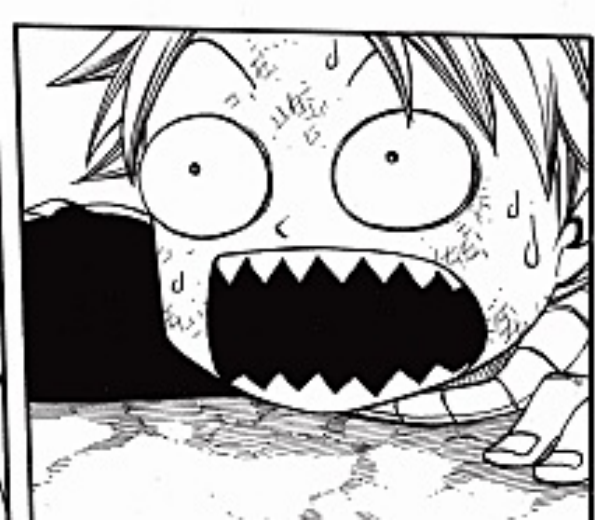
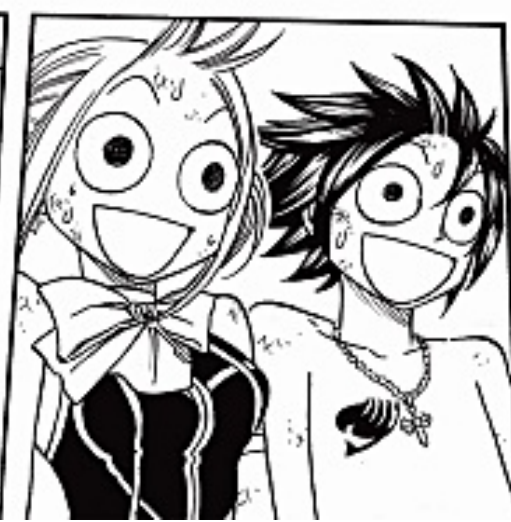


WHOOSH

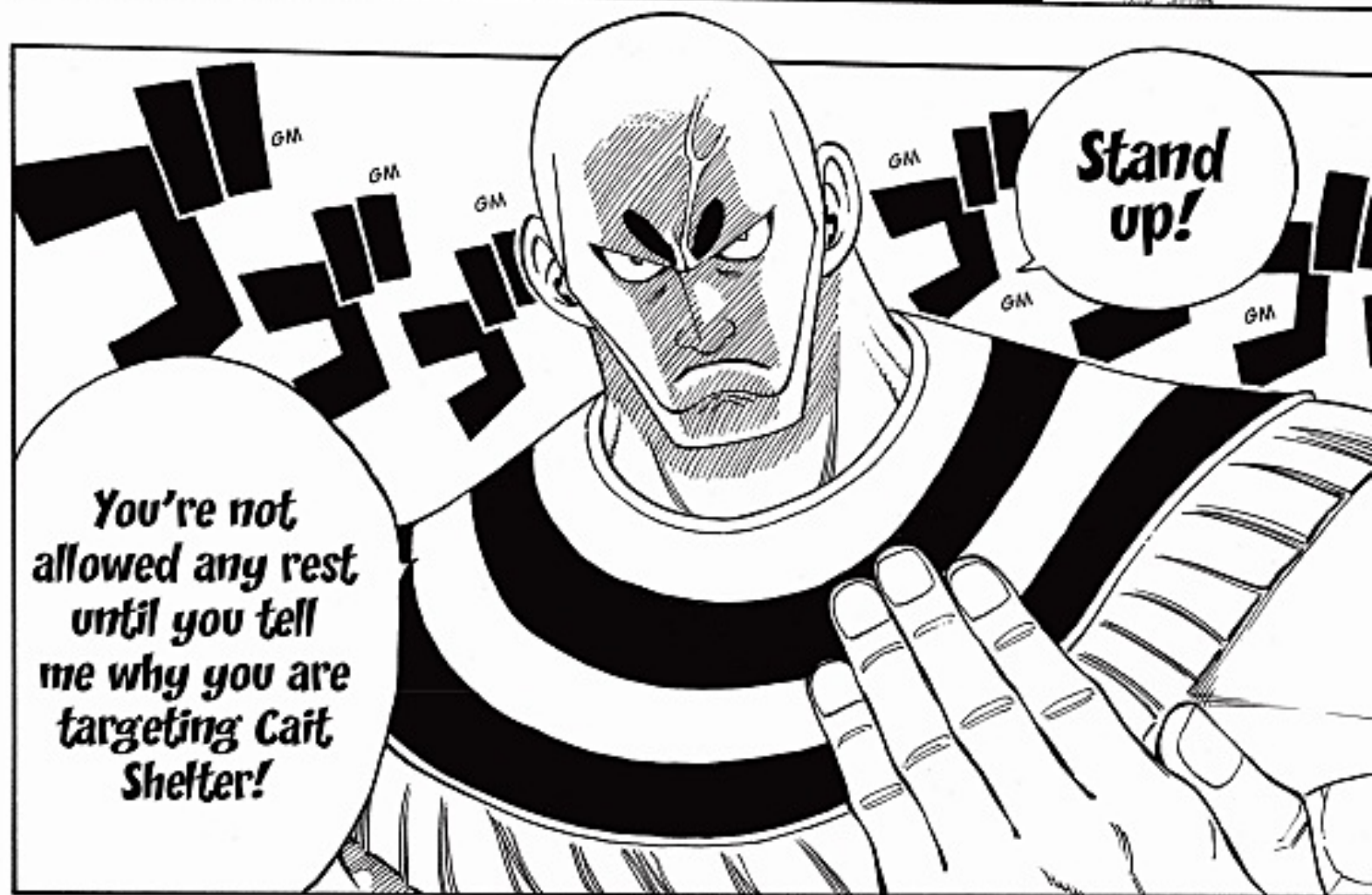
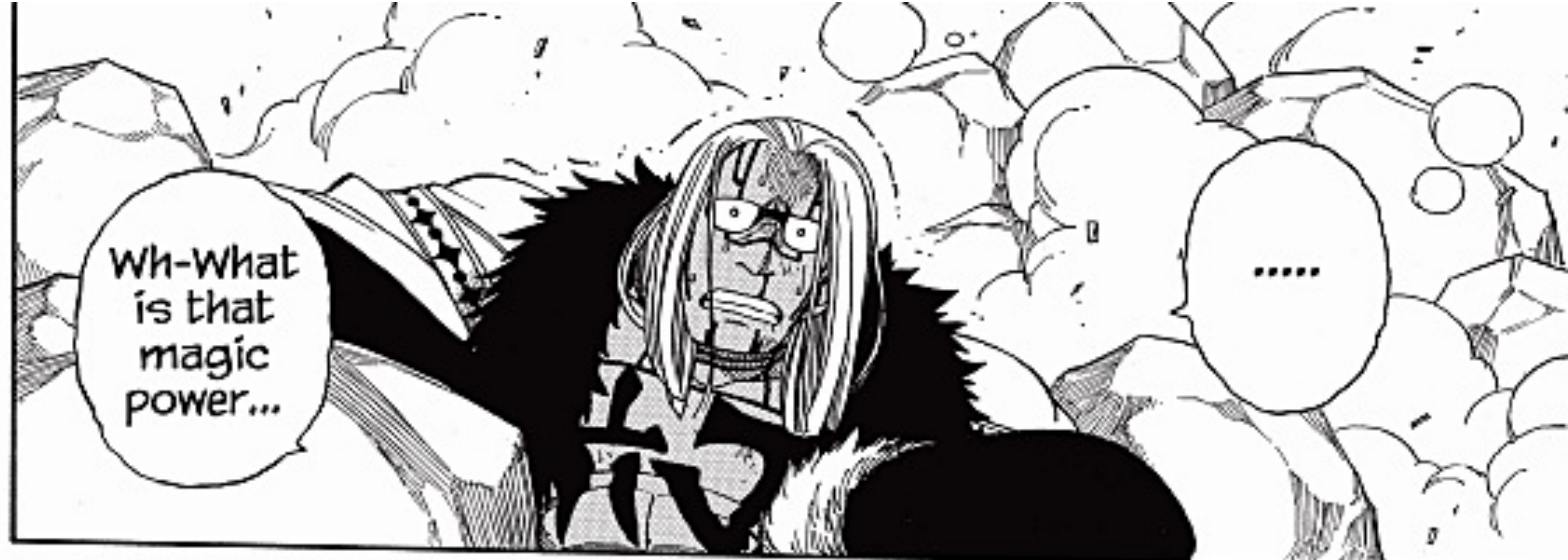
ぽん







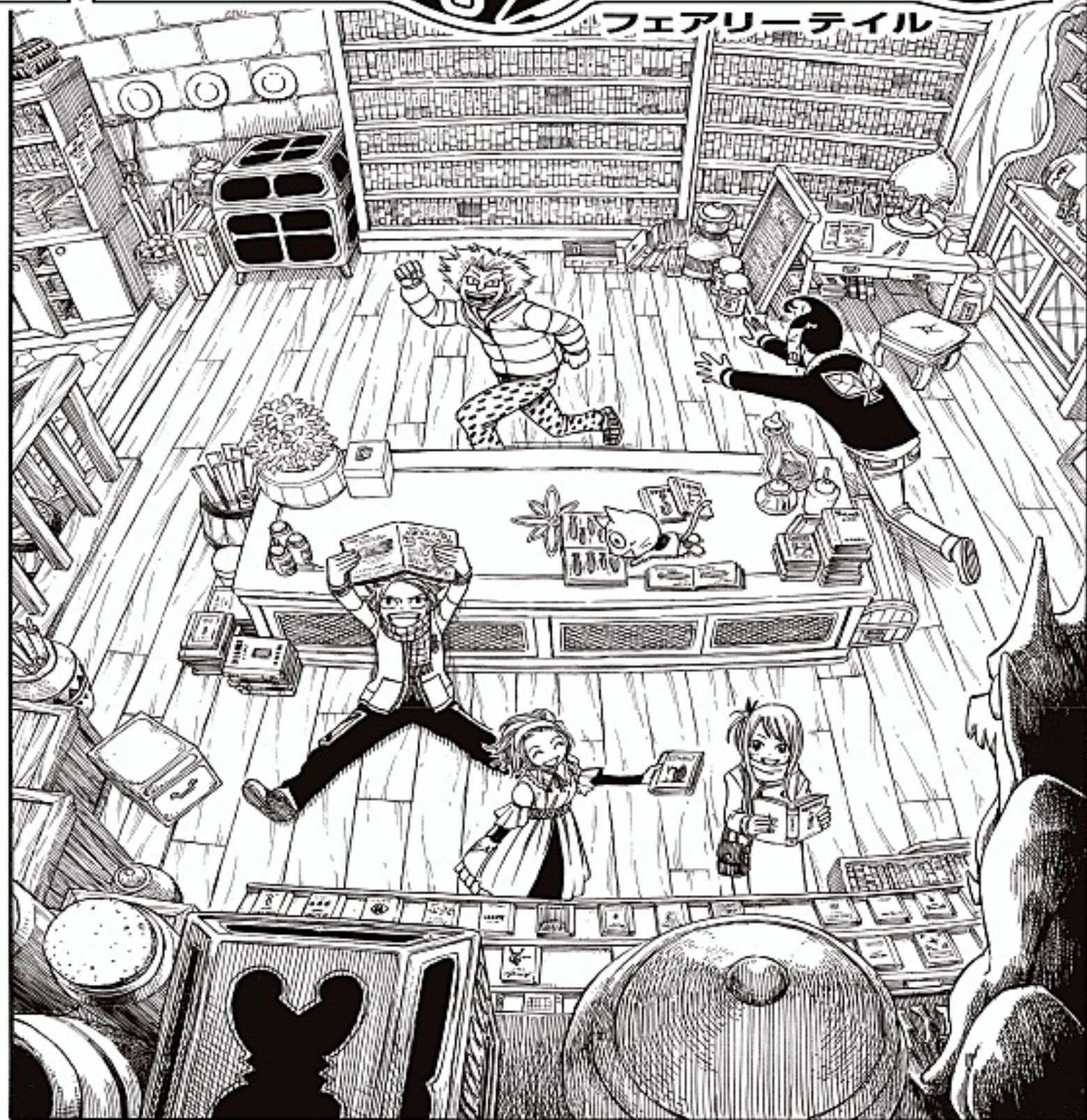






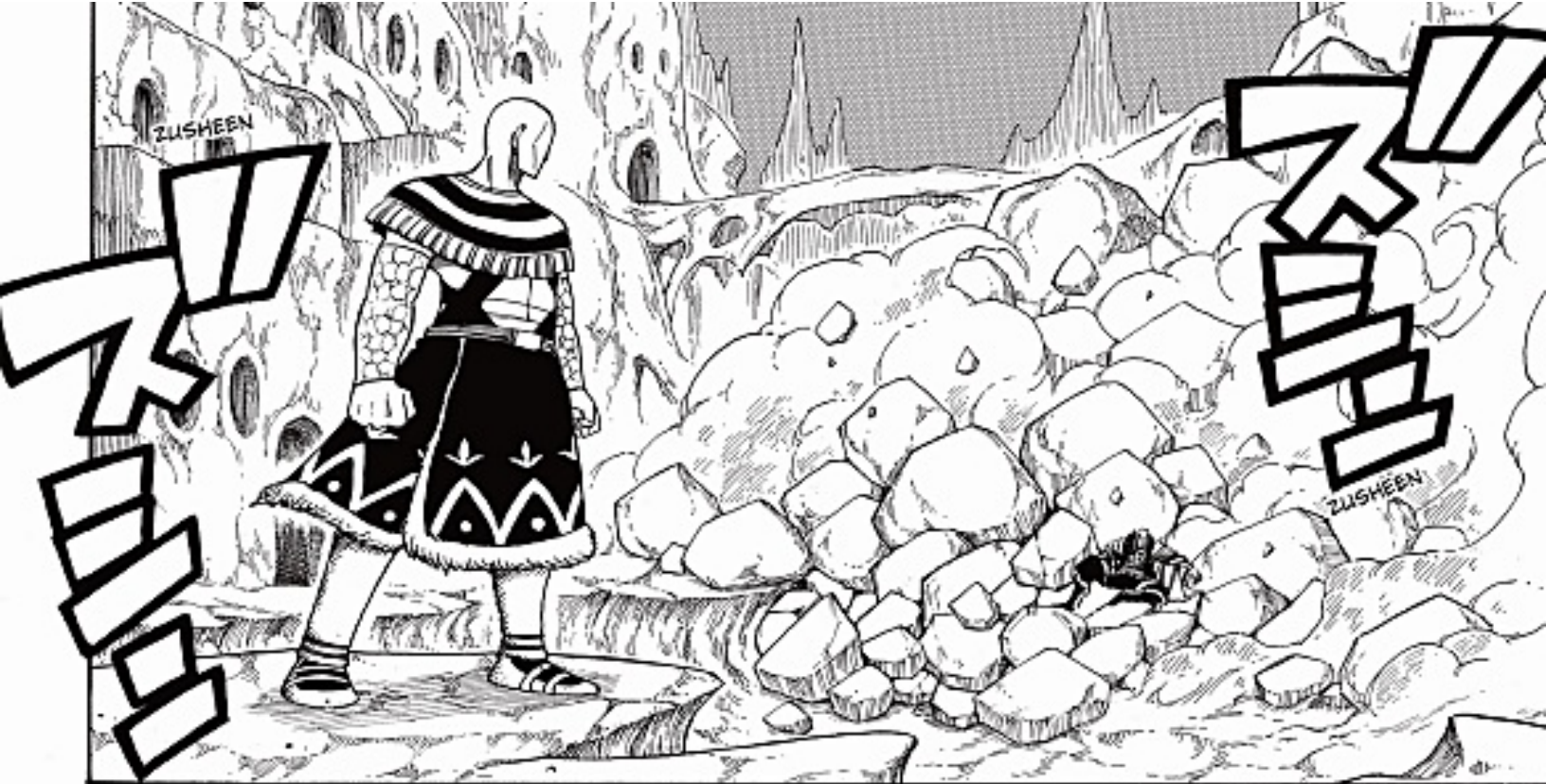
# FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

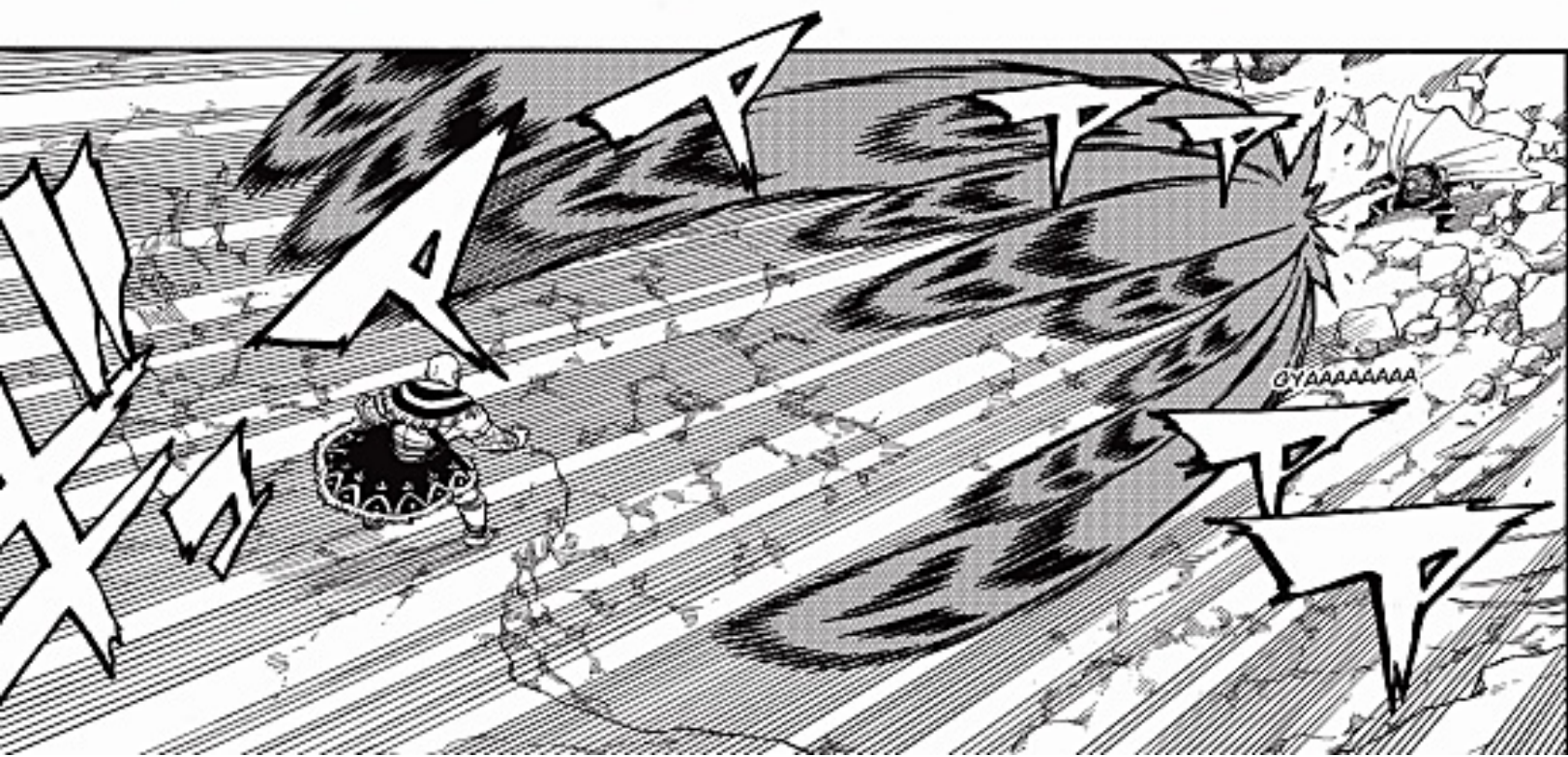
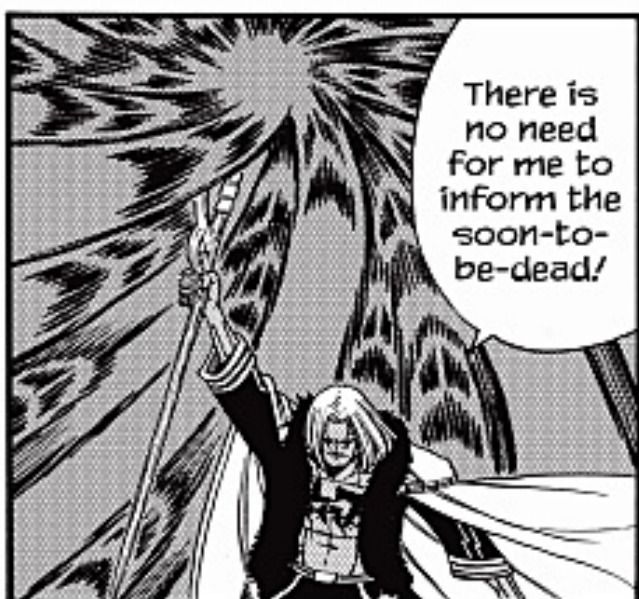


**Chapter 152: Jura of the Ten Saints**





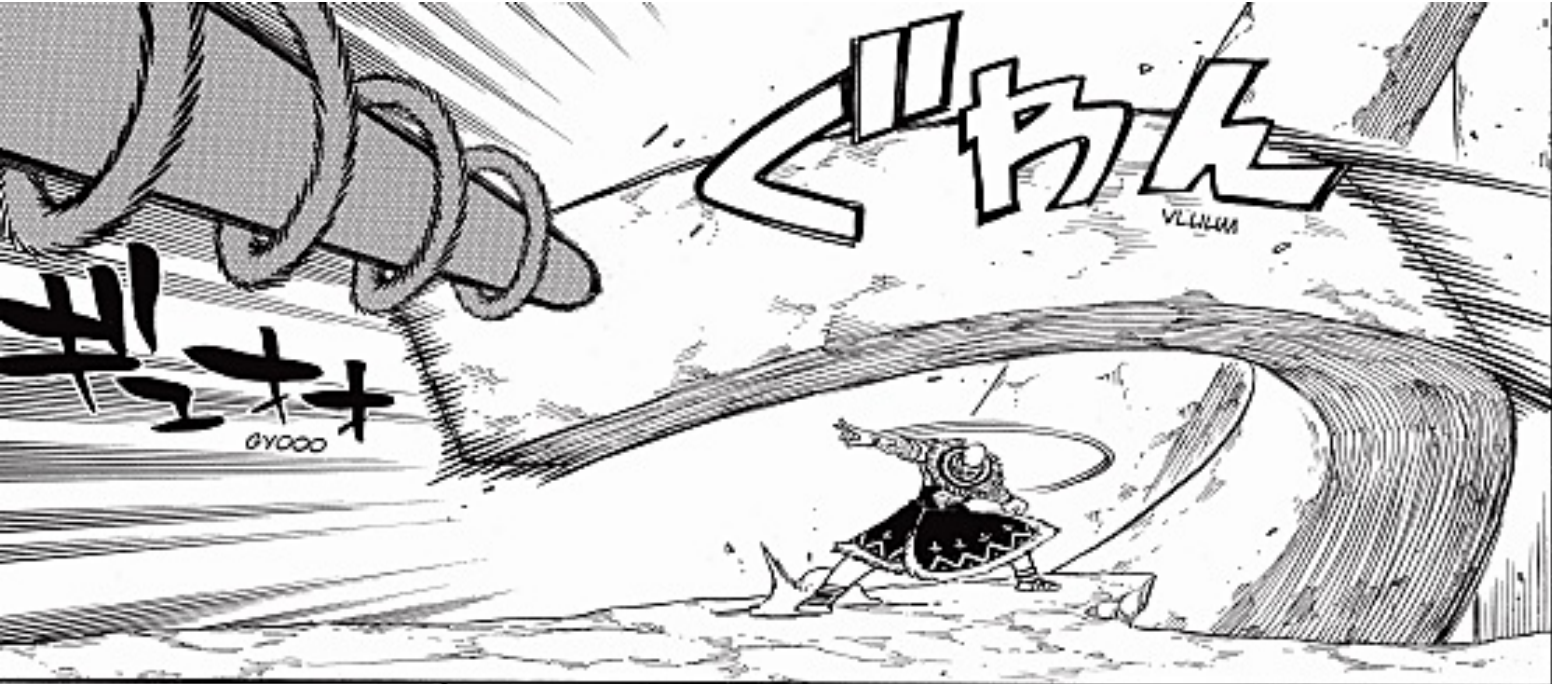








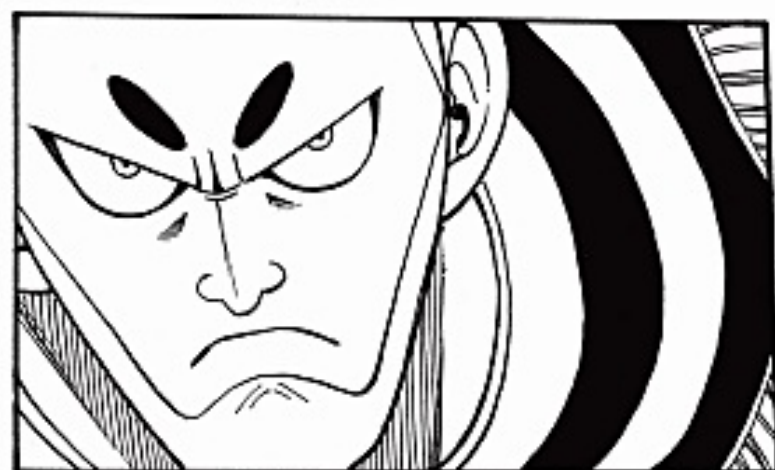
















*That  
explains  
why even  
Lyon  
uses the  
"gan"  
honorific  
for him!*



**U  
W  
A  
A  
A  
H  
H  
H  
!!!**

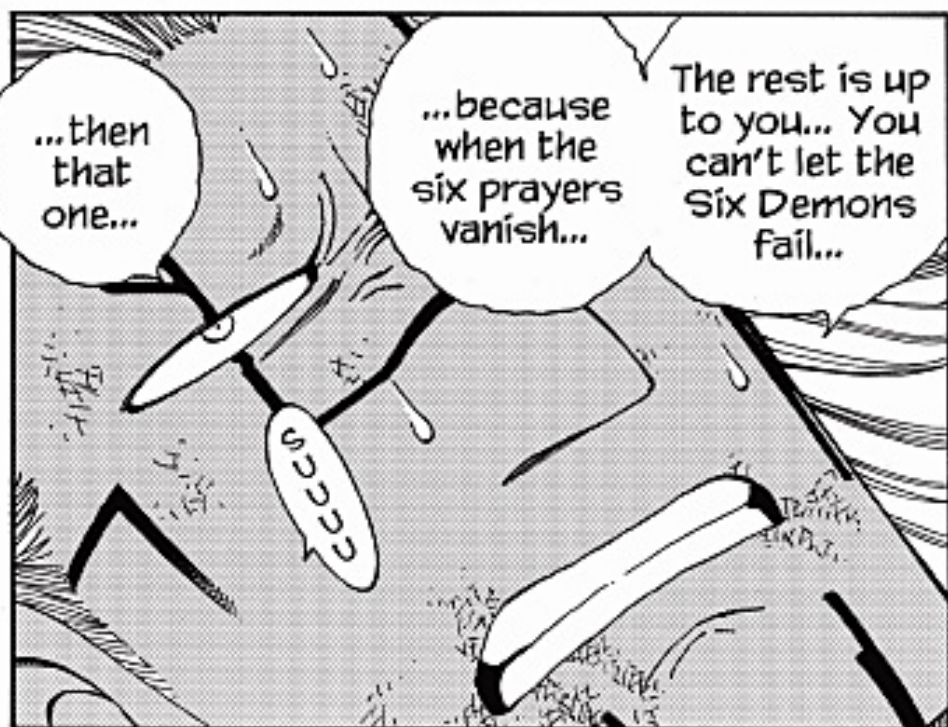




**CONQUEROR  
ROCK-  
BUSTER  
!!!!**











D-Don't  
say creepy  
things!

Now I'm going to  
have nightmares  
about it...

Wait... Didn't  
one of this  
guy's face  
markings just  
disappear?



"That  
one"?



This city...  
it may be  
heading  
for our  
guild!!!!



Wendy  
?!

Everybody,  
we've got  
trouble!

I knew  
you people  
would be behind  
all this  
destruction.



The  
snake guy  
is passed  
out over  
there too.

EEEE!!



Eh?



I think  
so, but  
it's okay  
now.





Now that he's out, we should be able to stop the city.

We think that Brain was the one controlling Nirvana.



Then...

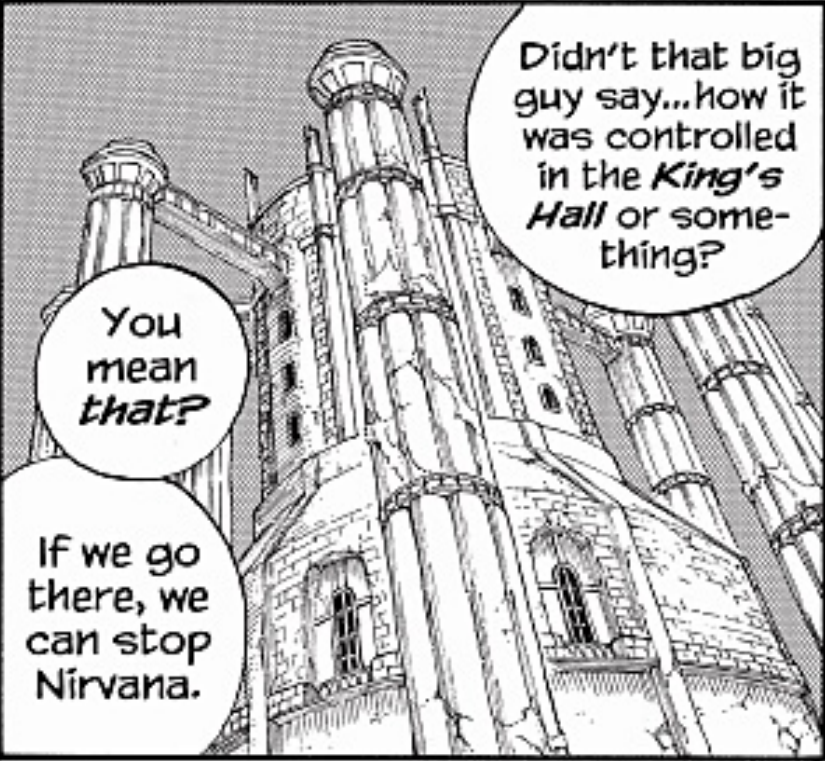


I doubt there's any deep reason anyway.



In the end, we never found out why they were targeting Cait Shelter?

I don't like it.



You mean *that*?

If we go there, we can stop Nirvana.

Didn't that big guy say...how it was controlled in the *King's Hall* or something?

Natsu-san!!! Could he have been poisoned...

It ain't... over... Hurry up...and stop...this... Urp!

Aye!

The male cat too? How pathetic!

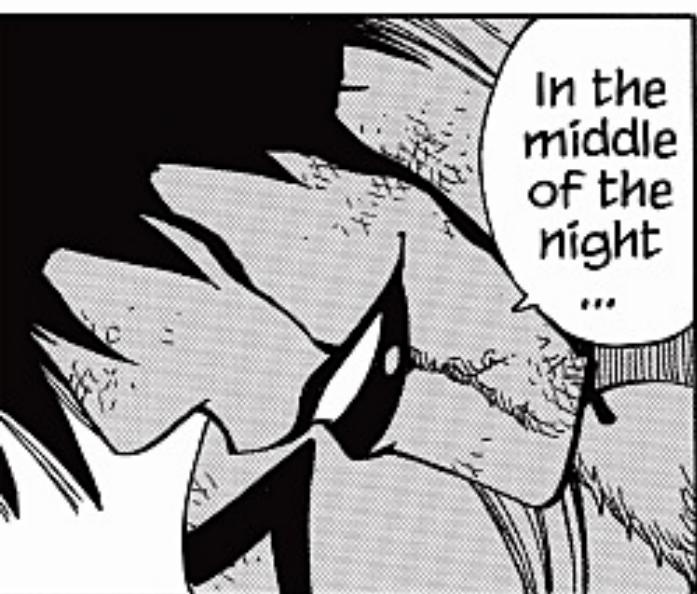
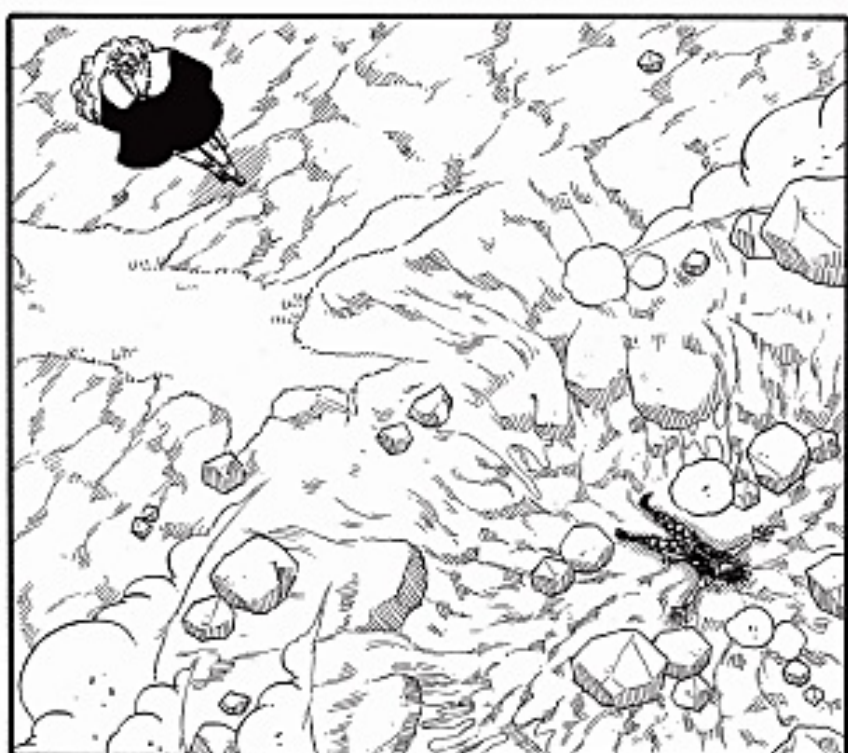
"When the six prayers vanish..."

"...then that one..."

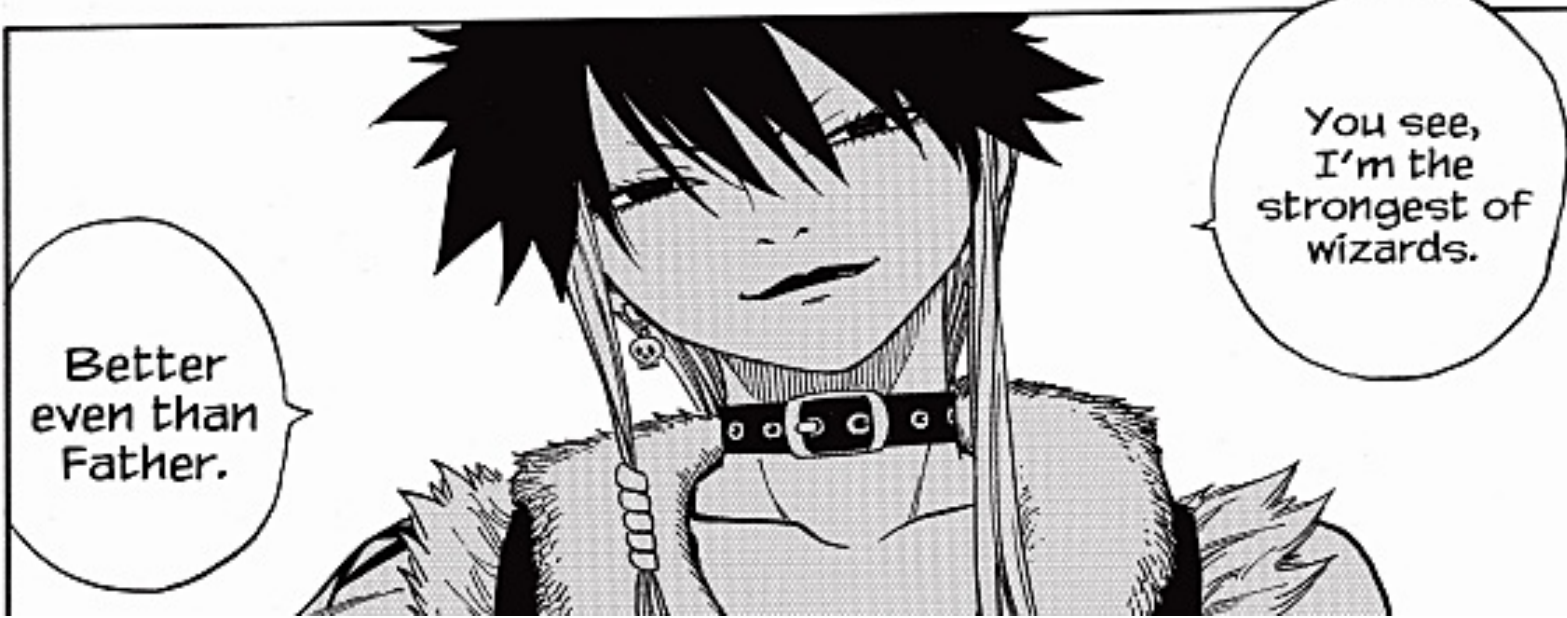


I still have a few small questions, but it looks like it's over.

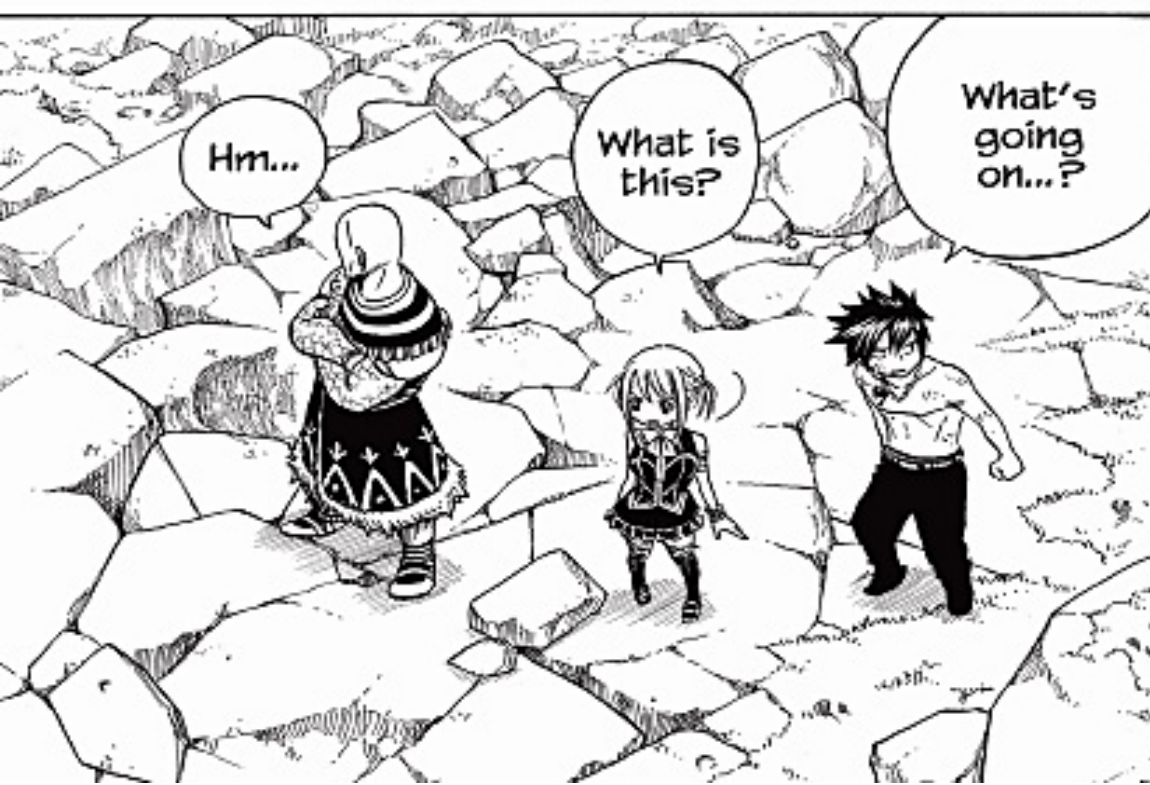




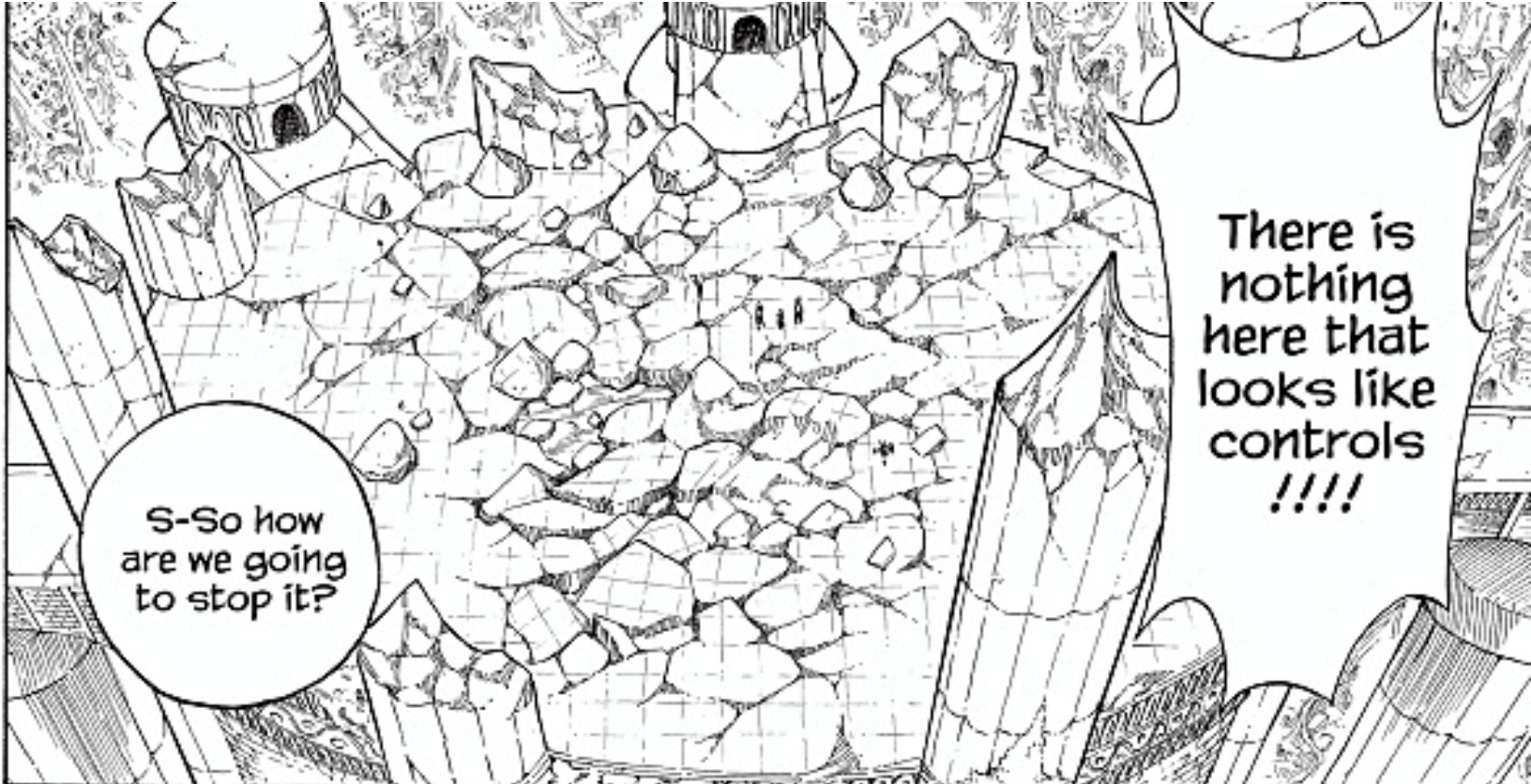










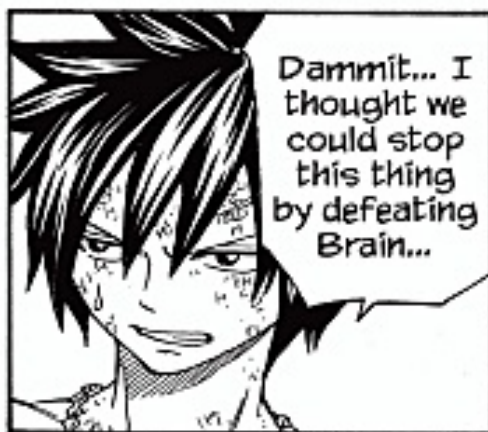


There is  
nothing  
here that  
looks like  
controls  
!!!!

S-So how  
are we going  
to stop it?



We were  
naïve...  
Thinking  
we knew  
how to  
stop it!



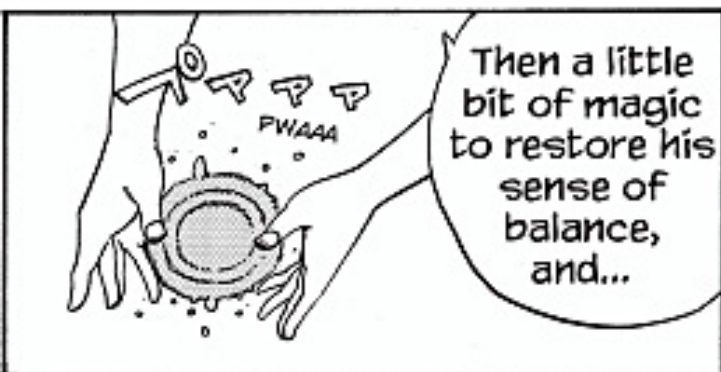
Dammit... I  
thought we  
could stop  
this thing  
by defeating  
Brain...



Nnn...



Motion  
sickness  
?



Then a little  
bit of magic  
to restore his  
sense of  
balance,  
and...



Natsu gets  
motion sick  
really easily.

What's the  
matter? I did  
my anti-poison  
spell on Natsu-  
san, but...

Pathetic!

OHhhh  
...













But even so,  
this thing is  
still moving.

There is no  
pilot's seat;  
there is no one  
in the King's  
Hall; and Brain  
is unconscious.



That  
Nirvana  
is already  
set to  
fire?

You  
can't  
mean it's  
on auto-  
pilot?!



Don't worry.  
Your guild  
ain't going  
down!

Think of  
this as my  
thank you.



Our...

...guild  
will...







# Afterword

## あとがき

Urano Metoria!! ...Also, Natsu and Happy's mid-air battle!!! Jura's good!! So, with all that, how was Volume 18 for you? Of it all, the Natsu and Happy mid-air battle was something I always wanted to do, and this might be the very first time that Happy has taken part directly in a battle. Actually, with the arrival of Carla, my concept of Happy has undergone a huge change. I can't say anything now, but at some point I'd like to draw the "Happy Chapter." (Such a pleasant name, huh?) Someday.

Now, I never did any calculations to make this happen, but before this one, all of the story arcs have taken about three volumes of the graphic novels to come to an end. But this Oración Seis arc started in 16, and now it's 17 and 18, and it's looks like it's going to continue well into (through?) volume 19. It's probably because there are so many characters, but while I'm drawing, I always seem to forget somebody. Normally, it'd only be Happy that I forget! (Laughs.) And this time, I've completely and fully forgotten Ichiya-sama. That guy... Maybe he'll get to play his part after this... So I'd like to take this opportunity to put up a top-five list of the things I've forgotten.

No. 5: Just as I said above, the existence of Happy. (Sorry! I won't forget again!)

No. 4: Rings and necklaces from a wide variety of characters. (Look for them...On the other hand, you don't have to look.)

No. 3: Scars from a wide variety of characters (especially Gray's big scar).

No. 2: What Erza's armor looks like. (It's a secret that the design changes every time she appears.)

No. 1: People's faces and names. (Really! I'm so sorry!)

Recently, I've been receiving business cards from all sorts of people. At a recent party, in one day, I received some 50 cards. But I'm terrible at remembering who gave them to me. If I meet you a number of times, I'll remember, but... I'm just a failure as an adult...





# EMERGENCY REQUEST!

## EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF FT



### At the Fairy Tail Gym



: Hah! Hyaah! Hup!



: Puuunch!!

**Lucy:** So, as you see, today we're coming to you from the gym inside the guild.

**Mira:** Puuunch!!

**Lucy:** First question.

*If Racer only slows the rest of the world down, how come Brain praised his speed?*



**Mira:** Simple flattery, perhaps.



: But he did actually deliver the coffin in only one hour, right?

**Mira:** True. But it just had to be close by to start with.

**Lucy:** What would it be close for?



: Puuunch!!



: Ow!

**Mira:** Next question!

**Lucy:** I've got a bad feeling about our corner this volume...

*If Angel had Gemini turn into Erza or Midnight, wouldn't they have made quick work of Lucy?*



**Mira:** You lucked out there, Lucy.

**Lucy:** Th-That's true... I wonder why she didn't.



: Just chance, right?



: If she had used Ichiya's perfume that destroys people's will to fight, it could have been a real problem too.

**Mira:** I know! Once somebody changes into Ichiya once, they never want to do it again!

**Lucy:** They changed into Gray and me twice, but they never changed into Erza even once.



: Puuunch!!



: That's exactly the bad feeling I had!!!

**Mira:** Killick!!

Continued on the right-hand page.



**Lucy:** Would you please stop doing that?! You're not planning on beating me up to cover our shame for the entire column, are you?!



: All of the rules and limitations of Gemini will be explained at a later date.



: Really?



: Maybe.



: ...

**Mira:** And the next question.

*Is Hibiki's  
magic the  
Internet?*



**Lucy:** "Internet"?

**Mira:** It's something close to what people call the Internet in the reader's world.

**Lucy:** What is it supposed to be?

**Mira:** Sorry, I don't know much about it myself.

**Lucy:** He said it was about compressing data and transferring it to others faster than it would take to tell them.

**Mira:** Puuunch!!



: Oww!!



: Is that what it means?



: Is that what *what* means?!!

**Mira:** Then here's the final question.

*I really  
didn't like  
how Cobra  
was defea*



**PUUUNCH!!**



: W-Wait just a second, Mira-san!! You can't go punching the readers!!

**Mira:** There are some things that are best left untouched.

**Lucy:** Well, of the Oración Seis characters, he's pretty popular. And that way of being defeated was disappointing.



**SATAN SOUL!**



: Noooooo!!!



: Let's be adults about this, Lucy. Sometimes it's good for a wizard to go out that way.

**Lucy:** R-Right!

**Mira:** Besides, it's pretty cool! I'm sure he'll go down in legends as

**THE GUY  
WHO WAS  
DEFEATED BY  
A LOUD YELL!**



: For something going unsaid, you just said it pretty loud!!



Send to Hiro Mashima, Kodansha Comics  
451 Park Ave. South, 7th Floor New York, NY 10016

# FAIRY GUILD



Osaka, Mekagori

▼ So what is Mira-chan doing these days?



Gunma Prefecture, Kizuna Panu

▼ So who gave him the hickey on his cheek?



Mie Prefecture, Ryū Sakuya

▼ I love seeing a sparkly Erza every now and again.



Chiba Prefecture, Saori Ogura

▼ There were a lot of entries celebrating the anime this time! Thanks so much! Keep watching everybody!



Mie Prefecture, Choko

▼ Levy-chan! She gets a lot bigger part in the anime and games!!



Oita Prefecture, Momoko Azuma

▼ The letters of support for Wendy don't let up.



Chiyama Prefecture, Kenjiro Daito

▼ Is that Booby? That's Booby, right?

## REJECTION CORNER

Any letters and post cards you send means that your personal information such as your name, address, postal code, and other information you include will be handed over, as is, to the author. When you send mail, please keep that in mind.



The Fairy Tail Guild d'Art is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a post card or at post-card size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

# TAIL d'ART



Tokyo, Sacchan

▼ Lucy and Happy have become one!!



Kanagawa Prefecture, Nakajima

▼ His time to shine is coming...maybe.



Tokyo (older sister in the strongest sister team)

▼ A fan from my previous series? Thank you!



Toyama Prefecture, Asako Matsukura

▼ Everybody's costumes have been switched!! Weird!!



Nagano Prefecture, I Love the Mountains

▼ Sexy Uvia arrives!! Uwa ha ha!



Hyogo Prefecture, Roasia

▼ This is an incredibly rare coupling.



Aichi Prefecture, Daisuke Noda

▼ And what's going to happen in the love story of these two people (animals)?!



Kanagawa Prefecture, Hashimochan

▼ Are these two people (animals?) buddies or something?



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



This is a photo of my Tokyo Game Show event. I go every year just to have fun, but this time I was a part of an event. It was a slightly surreal feeling.

I'm sure some of you out there are aware of it, but *Fairy Tail* will soon come out as a game. It's actually a lot of fun. I'm really looking forward to its release!!



# Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

## Page 19, Tetrabiblos

The founder of the Ptolemaic system, Claudius Ptolemy, wrote a four-part book series describing the heavens called the Tetrabiblos – The Four Books. One of the most important works of ancient astrology, the Tetrabiblos describes the constellations of the zodiac and their astrological influence on the world. Within the system, the Earth was a fixed point with the heavens spinning around it in complicated circles-within-circles. Its view of the universe was adopted by the Catholic Church until the time of Galileo and Copernicus some 1500 years after Ptolemy's writings.

## Page 19, 88 Stars of the Heavens

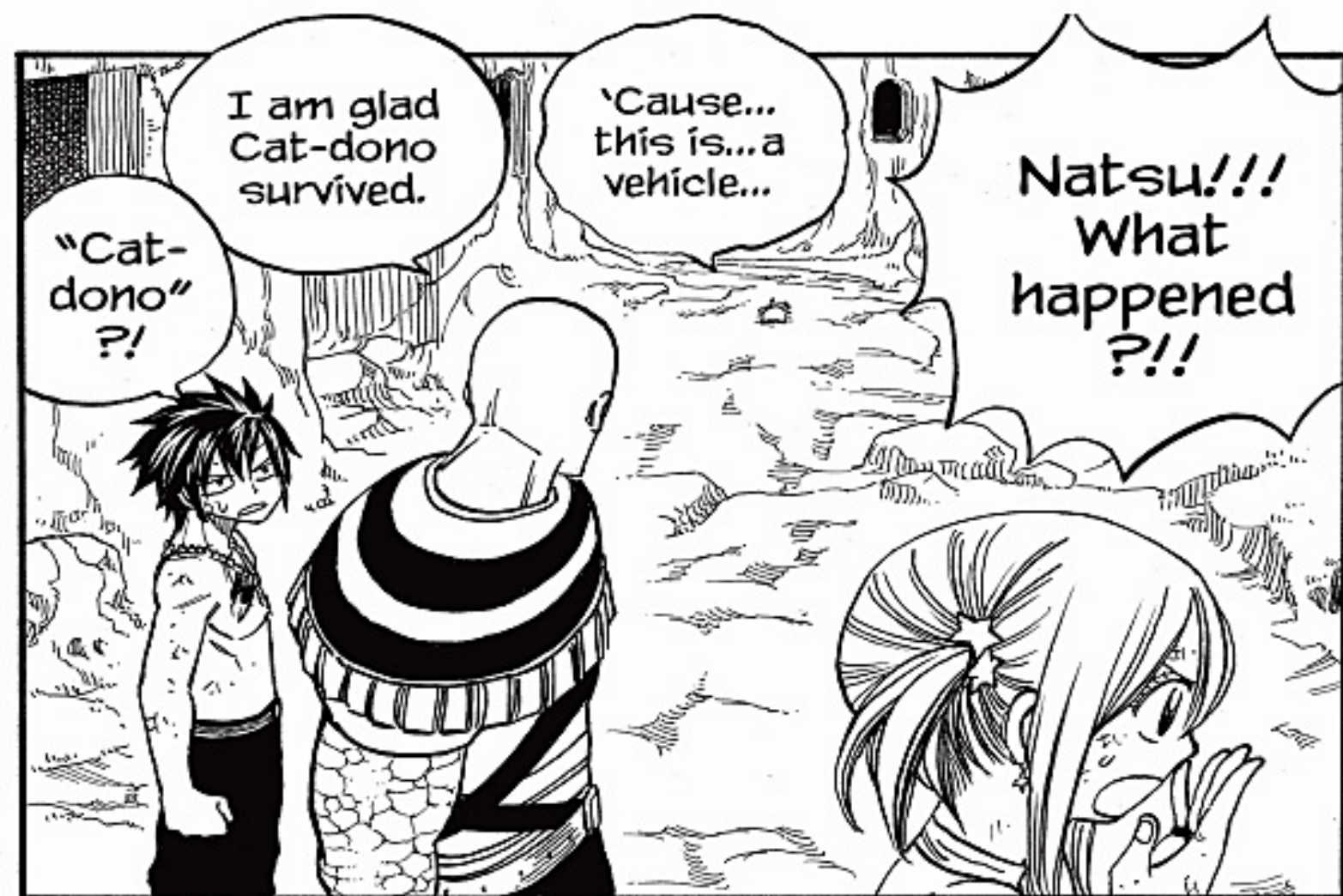
Looking up at a night sky, you'd realize there are far more than 88 stars. What this is referring to is the 88 official constellations that astronomers use to divide and chart the night sky. Each constellation represents a region of the sky and is based on the ancient Greek charts of the heavens.





## Page 158, Cat-dono

The honorific, -dono comes from the word tono which means "lord." So calling someone by that honorific is like adding a "my lord" to the name. Like some very polite people add the honorific -sama to every name they utter, Jura adds -dono to names. But still, cats are usually given 'cute' honorifics like -chan, and only sometimes jokingly referred to as -san. Adding such a respectful honorific as -dono to a cat's name would surprise any listener.



## Page 169, Dark Rondo

As described in the notes for Volume 16, "Rondo" means a theme that is repeated many times in music.

## Page 169, Dark Capriccio

Like Rondo, Capriccio is a musical term describing a piece of music that is lively, bright, and free-form. It's taken from the same root word as the English word "capricious" comes from, which indicates that it is music performed at the musician's whim. The form was most popular among 17th century keyboard musicians.



## Page 175, Lyon uses "san"

As you might note from the portrayal of Lyon in the manga, Lyon doesn't use honorifics very often because he does not think many people are worthy of his respect. So when Lyon uses the honorific, -san, for Jura, it shows more respect than Lyon is likely to give anyone else. For normal people, -san is a normal honorific that can be applied to nearly everyone, but for someone like Lyon, the use of -san is like the use of -sama for anyone else.





# THEIR MAGIC SPELLS DESTRUCTION!



# FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

**- PART 2 -**  
**DVD & BLU-RAY COMBO PACK**  
**AVAILABLE NOW!**

**- PART 3 - AVAILABLE 01.31.2011!**

YOU SHOULD BE WATCHING [FUNIMATION.COM/FAIRY-TAIL](http://FUNIMATION.COM/FAIRY-TAIL)



**FUNIMATION**

Based on the manga Fairy Tail by Hiro Mashima originally written for the anime. Material originates published by SHOGAKU G.K. ©2009 Shogakukan. ©2009 Shogakukan & Fairy Tail Guild. TV 14/PG. Licensed by Columbia TriStar Television. All Rights Reserved.



# Preview of Fairy Tail, volume 19

We're pleased to present you a lettered preview from Fairy Tail, volume 19. Please check our website ([www.kodanshacomics.com](http://www.kodanshacomics.com)) to see when this volume will be available.



# FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

19



HIRO MASHIMA



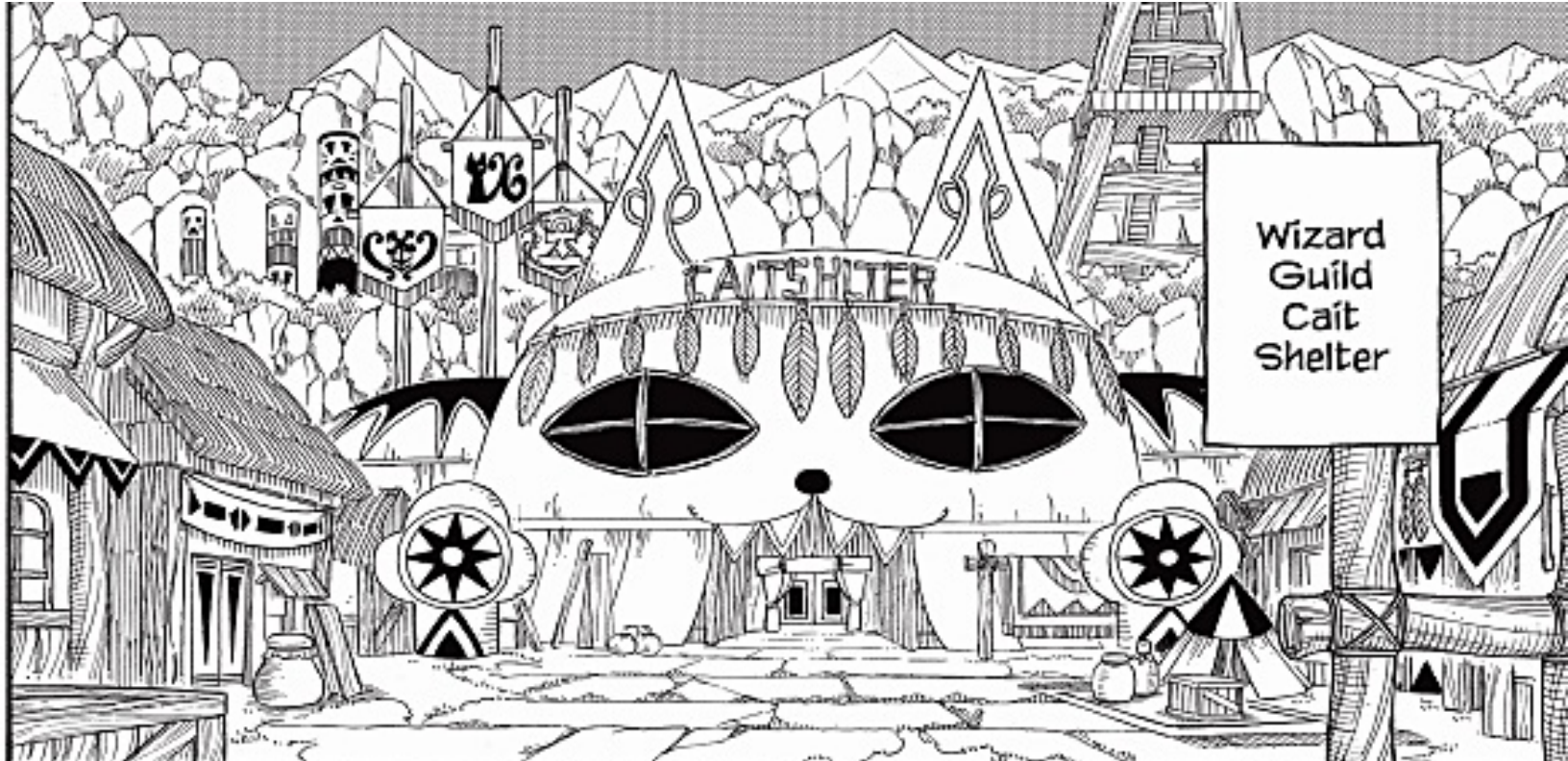
# Fairy Tail

フェアリーテイル



**Chapter 153, Counter Attack in  
the Middle of the Night**





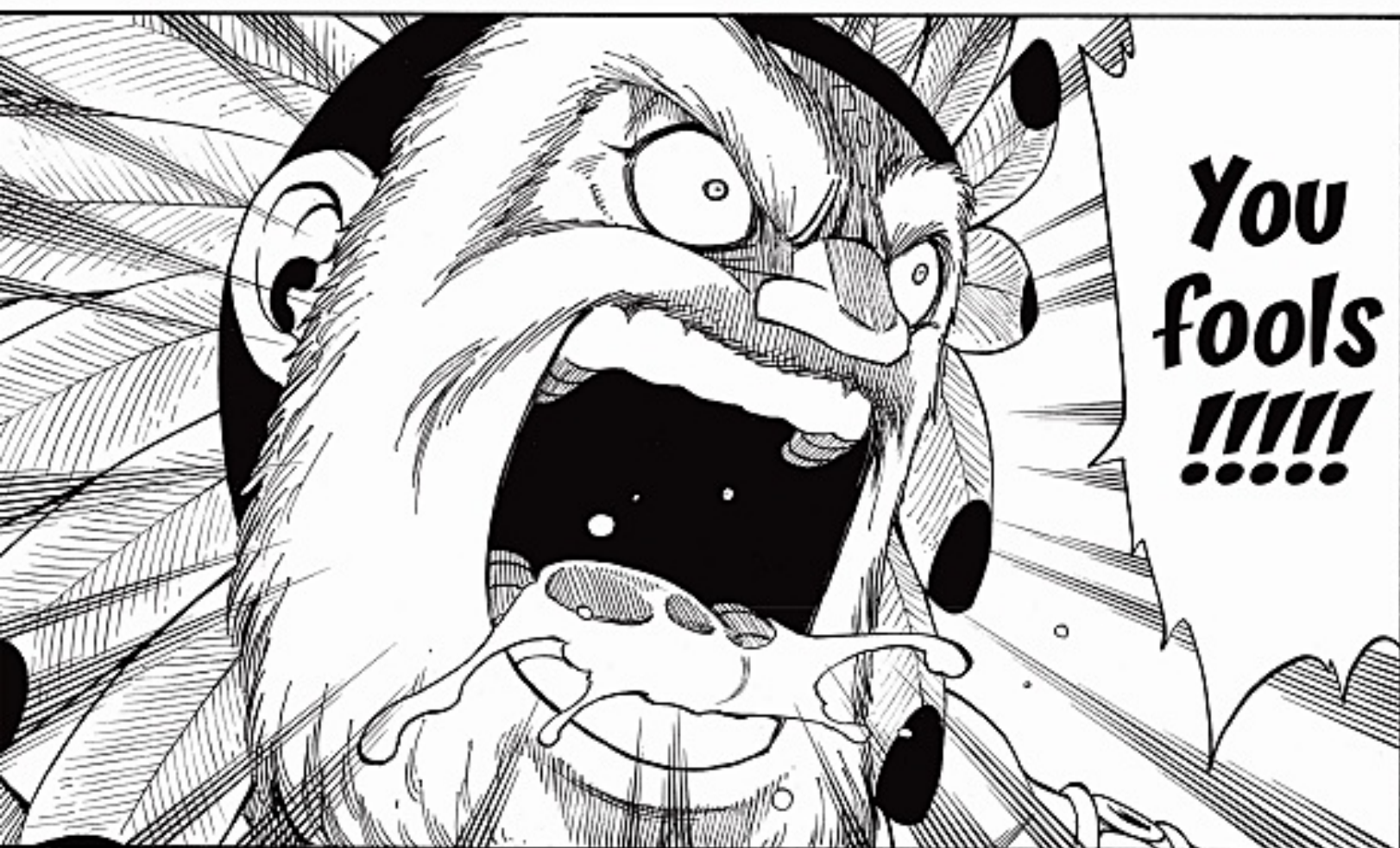








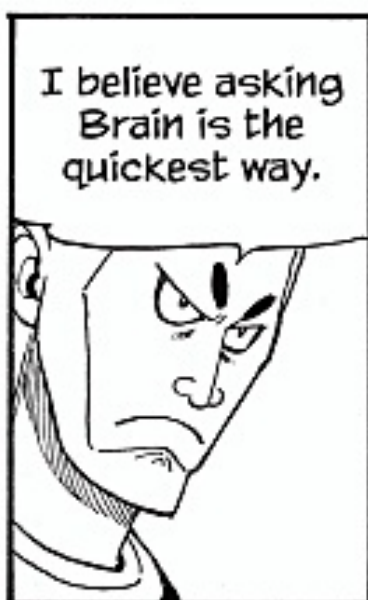
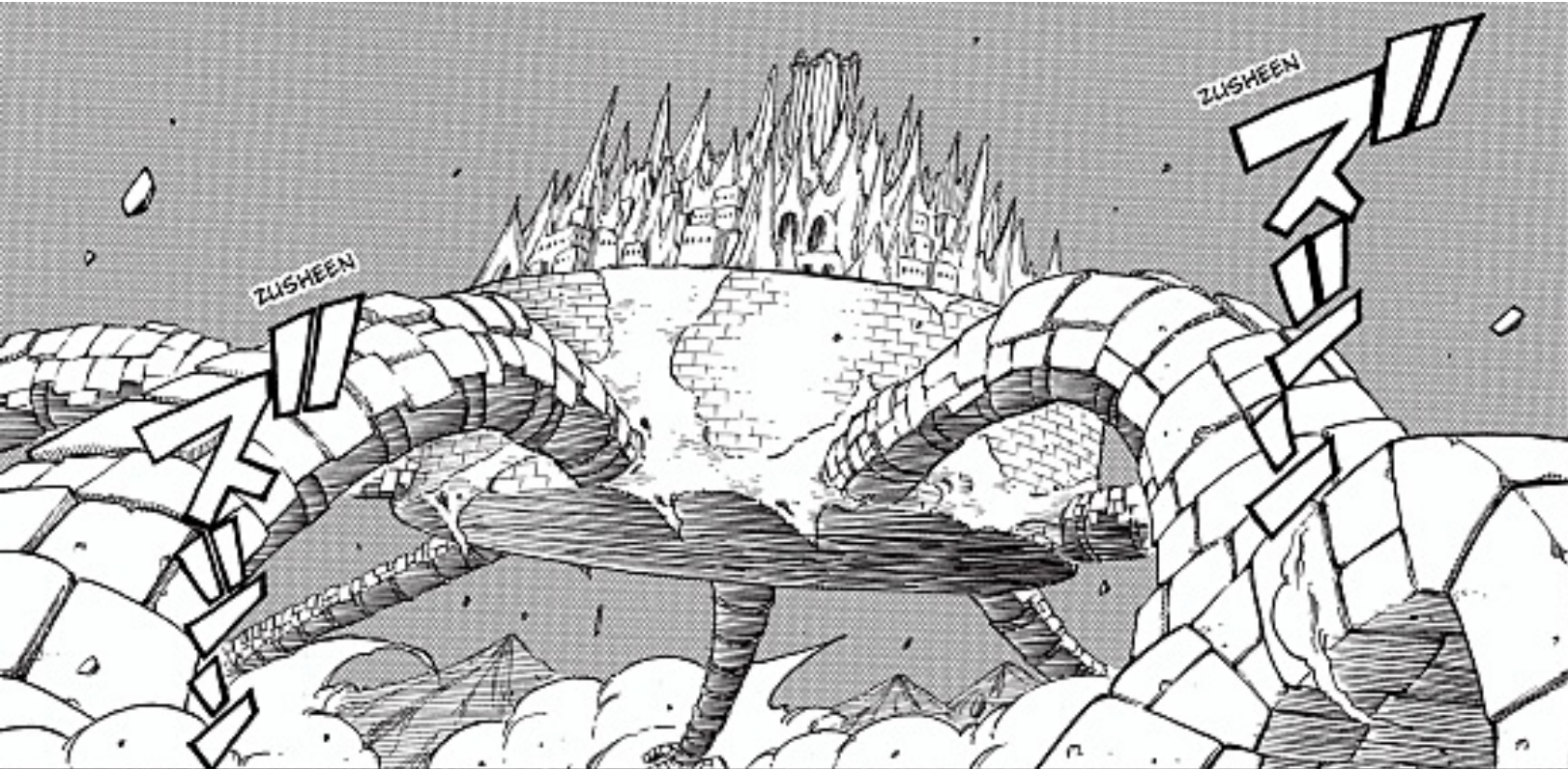






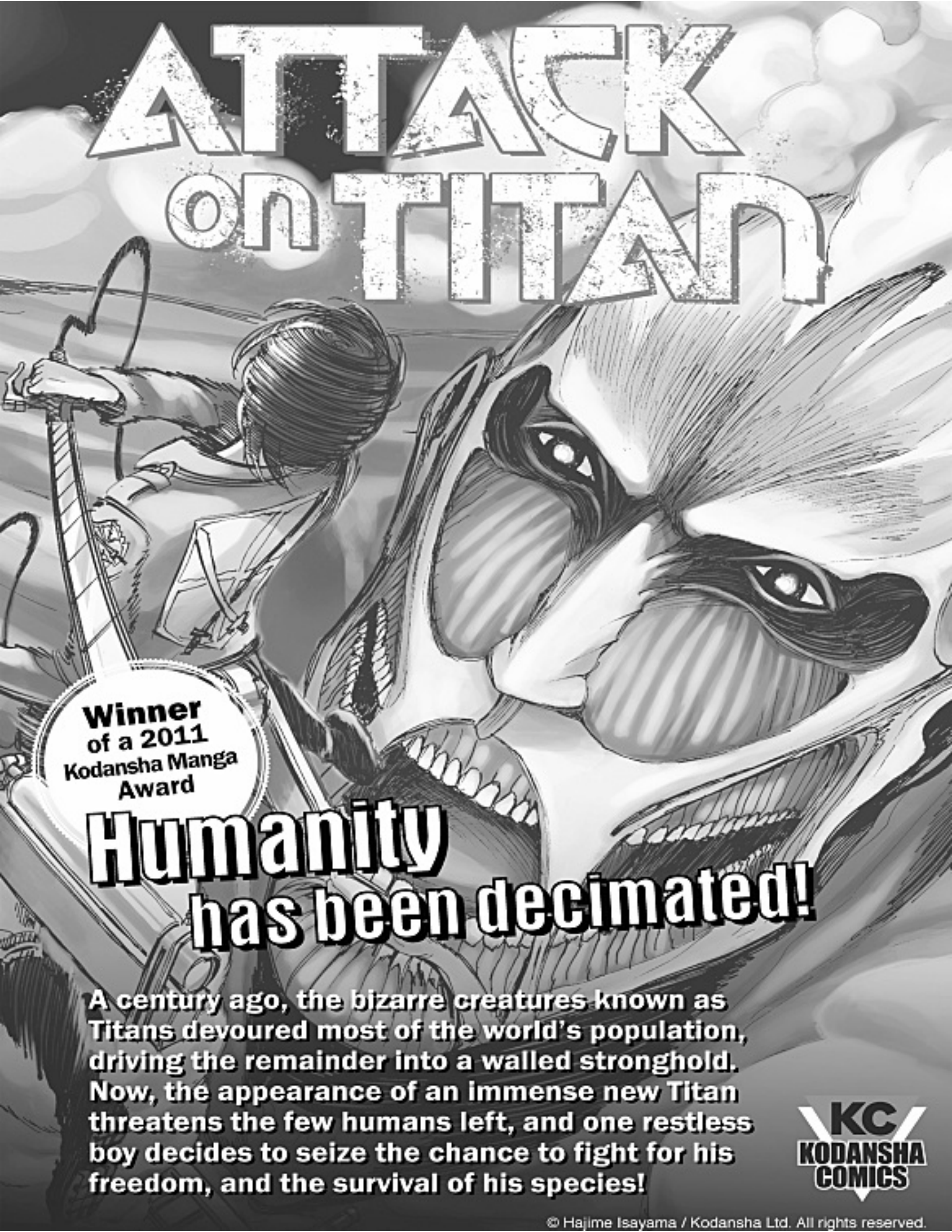








# ATTACK ON TITAN



**Winner  
of a 2011  
Kodansha Manga  
Award**

## Humanity has been decimated!

A century ago, the bizarre creatures known as Titans devoured most of the world's population, driving the remainder into a walled stronghold. Now, the appearance of an immense new Titan threatens the few humans left, and one restless boy decides to seize the chance to fight for his freedom, and the survival of his species!

**KC**  
**KODANSHA**  
**COMICS**



*Fairy Tail* volume 18 is a work of fiction. Names, characters, places, and incidents are the products of the author's imagination or are used fictitiously. Any resemblance to actual events, locales, or persons, living or dead, is entirely coincidental.

A Kodansha Comics Trade Paperback Original

*Fairy Tail* volume 18 copyright © 2009 Hiro Mashima  
English translation copyright © 2012 Hiro Mashima

All rights reserved.

Published in the United States by Kodansha Comics, an imprint of Kodansha USA Publishing, LLC., New York.

Publication rights for this English edition arranged through Kodansha Ltd., Tokyo.

First published in Japan in 2009 by Kodansha Ltd., Tokyo.

ISBN 978-1-616-26055-1

Printed in the United States of America.

[www.kodanshacomics.com](http://www.kodanshacomics.com)

9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Translator/Adapter: William Flanagan  
Lettering: AndWorld Design



# TOMARE!



You're going the wrong way!

Manga is a completely different  
type of reading experience.

To start at the *beginning*,  
go to the *end*!

That's right! Authentic manga is read the traditional Japanese way—from right to left, exactly the *opposite* of how American books are read. It's easy to follow: Just go to the other end of the book and read each page—and each panel—from right side to left side, starting at the top right. Now you're experiencing manga as it was meant to be!